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HEADACHE FOR NSL

THE NATIONAL Soccer League will have to do a complete about-face if it wants to bring the powerful Croatia Sydney team into its proposed regional NSL next year.

At least two NSW State League clubs will be needed to bring the Eastern Division up to a strength of 12 clubs.

It is no secret that the number one for promotion is Croatia.

But it is not all cut and dried. Far from it. Indeed,

By David Jack

unless there is a total change of mind by the NSL, there is no chance of Croatia coming in.

The big stumbling block is the club's ethnic name.

Names like Hellas, Makedonia and even Apia

are banned by the NSL, which is guided in the names controversy by the code's ruling body, the Australian Soccer Federation.

To the outsider, it would appear relatively simple to find a compromise.

My enquires, however, indicate there cannot be

any compromise.

Sir Arthur George, president of the ASF, is passionately dedicated to the principle of Australian names for Australian Soccer clubs.

There is no way he will surrender on that issue.

The Croatia club is just as fervently determined it will not drop its ethnic title.

Tony Basic, secretary of Croatia, made this clear when he told me: "Without our name, we don't want

**CROATIA
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any part of the National League. It would not benefit anyone if we ceased to be Croatia.

"Our supporters would not permit it. They are the people who pour up to \$300,000 a year into Soccer and their wishes have to be respected.

"We have thousands of fans at our matches. If we dropped our name, it would be hundreds — not thousands.

"In any case, Marconi are allowed to play in the NSL with their ethnic name. My club would want the same treatment."

NSL secretary-manager Steve Kamasz admits his organisation has been thinking about the name problem associated with Croatia.

He said: "If Croatia want to join the League, they know the criteria."

The criteria, of course, includes ... no ethnic names.

The names hurdle will prove insurmountable — unless the ASF or Croatia backs down.

Croatia are not the only club involved in Sydney. Melita Eagles are also high on the list for promotion to the National League.

Possibly Melita would compromise and find a suitable new name for their team.

But that is by no means certain.



Breitner with the West German Cup.

BREITNER WANTS TO GUEST HERE

WEST GERMAN World Cup star, Paul Breitner wants to come to Australia in October with his family for two weeks.

The Bayern Munich captain said this in an interview on Radio 2EA.

Breitner, 31, has been advised by doctors to retire from Soccer. He suffered a leg injury against Hamburg SV in March.

Breitner has been invited to tour Japan in October and he has made it very clear that he would like to play two guest matches in Australia, do some promotional work and hold coaching exhibitions for children.

Another reason for Breitner wanting to come to Australia is that he collects red wines.

An All-Star International benefit match is planned for Breitner in Munich on May 31, and Barcelona super-star Diego Maradona has accepted his invitation to play.

During the radio interview, Breitner said: "I would like to retire from football while I'm still at the top and be remembered on that scale. I do not wish to continue, as so many others have when they have gone well past their best."

Breitner was the only surviving member of the 1974 victorious West German World Cup squad which played in last year's finals in Spain.



□ ACTION IN THE FOOTSCRAY GOALMOUTH — WITH SYDNEY OLYMPIC'S MARSHALL SOPER CLIMBING HIGH TO OUTJUMP THE MATCH HERO, GOALKEEPER DENNIS BOLAND.

EDITORIAL

Continuity. That's the name of the game when a sport wants to attract regular supporters.

Spectators are habit-forming creatures. If they go to a Soccer match on a Sunday and enjoy it, it is more than likely they will return the following week for a second helping.

But if a town or city stages a top Soccer match only every fortnight, continuity is lost.

So, instead of going to Soccer, the spectator will go to the beach or maybe his RSL club. Or — perish the thought — even attend a Rugby League, Rugby-Union or Australian Rules game.

This is a point which has been completely ignored by administrators who are now in the process of designing new regional divisions for the 1984 National Soccer League.

Too many areas, good Soccer areas, will continue to have only one club.

For instance, Canberra, Wollongong and Newcastle.

It's tough on people in those places. They may want to watch a match in the NSL every weekend. Instead they are permitted a match only once a fortnight.

Imagine a keen movie-goer... there still are a few around... who habitually takes his wife to the cinema every Friday night. Try telling him that a film will be screened only every second Friday. Chances are, he could lose his appetite for going to the movies.

Two weeks is a long time to wait — whether it be for a film or a game of Soccer.

Before the final composition of next year's NSL is settled, the clubs should investigate this important point.

The doubters may claim a city like Wollongong is incapable of supporting two NSL clubs. Not true. The miners and steel workers, most from European Soccer stock, should be given the opportunity of watching NSL games every weekend.

Of course, clubs already in the national competition, like Wollongong Wolves, Newcastle KB United and Canberra Arrows, would probably resent the emergence of a second team in their area.

That is a selfish outlook. In the battle to gain new fans for the sport, club jealousies must be thrust into the background. The well-being of Soccer, overall, should be the first priority.

It rarely is, though.

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It now seems certain that the 1986 World Cup will be staged in Mexico.

Despite the obvious disadvantages of climate, altitude and a bankrupt national economy, the Mexicans will probably handle the challenge capably.

They hosted a World Cup once before and it was a successful venture.

If Mexico is the logical choice for 1986, we still have reservations about the contempt shown by FIFA to other nations keen to stage the Cup.

Both Canada and the United States applied. They were treated as intruders by the FIFA hierarchy in Zurich.

FIFA even refused to visit those countries to inspect the facilities available. That is an unforgivable snub.

The USA, in particular, might have made a dramatic success of hosting a World Cup. In the US, internal travel, hotel accommodation, media facilities and large stadiums are available in abundance.

There is also a huge ethnic population — people whose number one sport has always been Soccer.

All this, plus guaranteed Government support and big business sponsorship, indicates the US would be admirable World Cup hosts.

FIFA's off-hand treatment of that great nation demands an explanation from Zurich.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SOCCER HARMONY?

By Tom McKain

WATCHING from far-off South Australia, it would appear it is about time the Australian Soccer Federation, the National Soccer League and the NSW Federation got their acts together.

When the ASF announced there would be a meeting to discuss regionalisation, we presumed it represented all States and all Federations.

Then we read in ASW that NSW Federation president Karel Rodny warned the NSL about "grabbing NSW teams" for a regionalised set-up.

We were under the impression that the ASF represented all Federations, and that NSL clubs were represented on all Federation Boards where their clubs play.

That is certainly the case in SA, where Joe Linarello is a full board member representing Adelaide City and West Adelaide.

Another board member, Jim Carapetis, represents West at the NSL.

While we can understand Mr Rodny being anxious about losing clubs from the NSW State League, he appears to have a positive hatred of the NSL.

And yet the NSL has to stop its complete programme on May 8 because play-

ers are needed for the Queensland v NSW State match!

Going back to State Leagues, and calling them regional competitions would be a backward step.

Where is the proof that clubs don't want to be involved in a regional competition?

SA clubs are interested, and officials from Melbourne State clubs have been quoted as saying their clubs MUST get into a national set-up, regionalised or otherwise.

We were also under the impression that State Leagues did control ALL clubs in their State.

West and City are members of the SA Soccer Federation, and everyone is a member of the ASF.

Surely Mr Rodny must realise that the NSL clubs are the senior sides in any State, and that with a regionalised set-up, the other teams would have something more to aim for — promotion to the National League.

I hope ASF Commercial



KAREL RODNY... delivers warning



PETER SHEEHAN... tough job

Manager Peter Sheehan realises that all is not running smoothly, and he will have all sorts of problems introducing any new format — unless the ASF steps in and starts coordinating the process.

If the NSL vanishes, Soccer will sink even further than it already has in the eyes of the sporting public.

The "then" against "us" attitude of some State and NSL officials must change or we will remain a part-time "Ethnic" sport.

The officials who are running Australian Soccer

— we presume that is the ASF management committee — would also be well advised to let clubs know as soon as possible if there is to be a regional competition.

State League clubs must know NOW what they are aiming for in 1984.

Indeed, some constitutions state that 12 months notice must be given before League formats can be altered.

Surely, for the sake of Soccer's future, corners can be cut, and exceptions made.

FANS RESENT CLUB MERGER

Plans to amalgamate two English clubs, Reading and Oxford, are not being received with much enthusiasm by supporters of the two teams.

Last Saturday, before the Oxford v Wigan match, supporters invaded the field to stage a demonstration against the merger. Several hundred fans became involved, causing the match kick-off to be delayed.

It started half an hour late and Oxford chairman Robert Maxwell, the publishing tycoon who saved the club from financial crisis, was given the bird when he took his seat in the directors box.

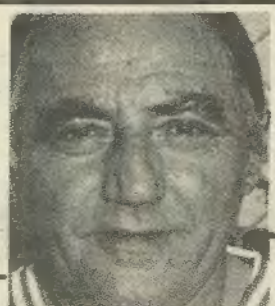
Maxwell is in favour of the merger which would establish a completely new club based, probably, midway between the two cities.

Manchester United's John Gidman has been suffering from back trouble all season but he hopes he has finally overcome the problem. Gidman visited an acupuncturist in Liverpool, after which he said: "I was a bit sceptical at first but the man has worked wonders. I can now walk more freely than I have for ages."

ANYBODY WANT TOP PHYSIO?

Bruno Gallo, one of the best-known physiotherapists in Australian Soccer, is looking for a club.

Bruno Gallo



Bruno, who has been in Soccer for 29 years, has lost his job with Croatia Sydney — and he's unhappy about it.

"In all my years with some of the most important teams in Australia this is the first time I have been sacked," said Gallo.

Two months ago Croatia lured Bruno from Canterbury. He expected to accompany Croatia on their tour to Indonesia but was left at home.

He claims Croatia sacked him because they said he asked for too much money.

Bruno Gallo has been physiotherapist to top NSL clubs like Apia-Leichhardt and Marconi as well as State League clubs.

He should soon find a new club.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

Canberra 3 (Bryant, Byrne, Gibson) Wollongong 1 (O'Connor) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1315.

Sydney City 2 (Kosmina, de Marigny) Brisbane City 2 (Bromfield, Wilkinson) at Lismore. Crowd: 2300.

Marconi 2 (Bozanic, Licata) Heidelberg 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3361.

South Melbourne 2 (Egan, Wooddin) Newcastle 5 (Lowe 2 Cowburn, Lee, Jones) (Egan, Wooddin) at Middle Park. Crowd: 2000.

West Adelaide 3 (Dunn, Manou, Amey) Leichhardt 2 (Morsello, Mariani) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2000.

Sydney Olympic 0 Footscray 1 (Lujic) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 5932.

Freston 2 (Illoski, Odzakov) Adelaide City 1 (Carter) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 4000.

Brisbane Lions v St George — Postponed.



YES — IT IS FOR SOCCER

What do you think? This is the NSL referees' new uniform, sponsored by Peerless. It's had a mixed reception with some fans, claiming the stripes look like an old-fashioned American baseball shirt; others say it is too much like a playing strip.

Our model is SA FIFA referee Donald Campbell.

WESTAD'S WEIGHTY STRIKER

George Kalandaris could crash on to the NSL scene for West Adelaide in the near future.

A tearaway striker, he joined the Hawks at the start of this year from Port Adelaide in the State League, but was overweight.

However, the 21-year-old forward is now looking trim — and most important — is scoring goals for West's reserves in first division.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
PRESTON	8	4	3	1	12	8	15	3	1	0	6	3	10	1	2	1	6	5
NEWCASTLE	8	4	2	2	15	8	14	2	2	0	5	2	8	2	0	2	10	6
BRISBANE CITY	7	4	2	1	14	9	14	3	0	1	10	6	9	1	2	0	4	3
WEST ADELAIDE	8	4	2	2	8	7	14	3	0	1	5	3	9	1	2	1	3	4
SYDNEY CITY	8	3	3	2	11	11	12	1	3	0	5	3	6	2	0	2	6	8
HEIDELBERG	8	3	3	2	7	7	12	3	1	0	6	1	10	0	2	2	1	6
CANBERRA	8	3	2	3	17	10	11	3	1	0	13	3	10	0	1	3	4	7
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	8	3	2	3	10	8	11	1	1	2	5	7	4	2	1	1	5	7
ST. GEORGE	7	3	2	2	6	4	11	3	1	0	6	2	10	0	1	2	0	2
MARCONI	8	3	1	4	9	9	10	2	1	1	5	3	7	1	0	3	4	5
LEICHHARDT	7	2	2	3	6	7	8	2	1	0	3	0	7	0	1	3	3	7
SOUTH MELBOURNE	8	2	2	4	11	14	8	1	1	2	6	7	4	1	1	2	5	7
ADELAIDE CITY	8	2	2	4	8	12	8	3	1	0	6	5	7	0	1	3	2	7
WOLLONGONG	8	1	4	3	10	13	7	0	3	1	5	6	3	1	1	2	5	7
BRISBANE LIONS	7	2	1	4	9	12	7	2	0	1	7	2	6	0	1	3	2	10
FOOTSCRAY	8	2	1	5	5	19	7	1	0	3	3	12	3	1	1	2	2	7

ARROWS TARGET IS SUNDAY

By Steve Burns

CANBERRA ARROWS could return to Sunday football — a possibility that has set the national capital's Soccer fraternity once more at loggerheads.

The general consensus is that the experiment with Saturday, rather than Sunday, Soccer is still in its infancy — yet rumours are strong that Canberra has virtually made the decision to switch back a day.

It was this move, by inexperienced directors, that saw Canberra openly compete with ACT Soccer clubs and drive a wedge into the local Soccer community.

The harm it caused has never been repaired.

Canberra's administrator Karen Grega stressed to ASW that no firm decision will be made before spectators are asked for their views.

That done, the final decision could be only days away.

That is why the May 14 game against Newcastle, to be a highly-promoted joint publicity effort with Canberra's National League basketball team, the Mazda Cannons, is still officially listed as "Saturday or Sunday".

No one is quite sure why the decision to either stay with Saturday Soccer or revert to Sunday has come so quickly.

Some say it is because 600 ticketholders, primarily Greek businessmen, prefer Sunday to Saturday. Others say because many directors preferred Sunday.

Yet gates are up considerably on this time last season at 3,500, 4,100 and 1,500.

That 1,500 gate against Heidelberg really set the possibility of the Sunday wheels in motion.

Inter-Monaro president, Laurie Pastrello, a former Arrows' director, said it would not work to Canberra's advantage if the club switched back to Sunday.

"Monaro is playing on Sundays to avoid clashing with Rugby League's Canberra Raiders as well as Canberra Arrows."

"If Canberra Arrows move to Sunday they will lose."

"Many of our most ardent Soccer fans are still watching Canberra on Saturday and us on Sunday."

"This was certainly true with the Heidelberg game. Fans watched that

RASKOPOULOS OUT OF NSW TEAM

By John Economos



NSW COACH, Johnny Watkiss.

NSW coach Johnny Watkiss has been forced to leave out Sydney Olympic's international midfielder, Peter Raskopoulos due to injury for next Sunday's match in Brisbane against Queensland.

Watkiss told us last night: "I had to leave out Raskopoulos as he received another bad knock on his injured ankle and now could be sidelined for another three weeks."

The former Australian international, Watkiss, will fly his NSW team out of Sydney next Sunday morning as he doesn't feel there's any real advantage in staying overnight before the match.

"It is quicker to fly from Sydney to Brisbane than say drive from Sydney city centre out to Blacktown."

"I want my players to relax in their own homes, have their normal meals and sleep in their own beds. I can't see any real need travelling earlier," Watkiss concluded.

The Raskopoulos withdrawal has made Watkiss' final selection easier as from the cut-back NSW squad of 15, only 14 will be travelling.

Watkiss had to decide between taking Raskopoulos or Sydney City's little midfielder Paul Kay.

The NSW travelling squad is as follows:

GOALKEEPERS:

Woodhouse, Watson

BACK-FOUR: Wheatley, Jennings, Bertogna, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe.

MIDFIELDERS:

Katholos, Kay, Stone.

STRIKERS: Kosmina, P.

O'Connor, Soper, Jan-

kovics.

Graham Jennings has enjoyed playing at left-back for Sydney Olympic — even though he has been a forward right through his career.

Jennings told ASW: "There's more time and more room at full-back. You don't need much skill at all. Yes, life is a lot easier these days!"

TWO FINALS LIVE

Channel 0-28 will televise live the European Cup Winners' Cup Final and the European Cup Final.

The important dates to remember are Thursday, May 12 at 4 am when the European Cup Winners' Cup Final between Aberdeen and Real Madrid will be shown from Sweden.

Edited highlights will be screened again on the same day at 6 pm.

The next major Soccer telecast will be the European Cup Final, direct from

Athens, between German club Hamburg SV and the Italian side, Juventus, to be shown on May 26 at 4 am.

The edited highlights will be shown on the same day at 6 pm.

Les Murray will present the shows and have Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Docherty as his guest in the Channel 0-28 studio.

John Economos

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OLYMPIC FANS TAKE PUNISHMENT!

By TOM ANDERSON.

Yet another home failure by Sydney Olympic in a match they could and should have won easing up.

This is the only way to describe Olympic's shock 1 - 0 loss to bottom-of-the-table Footscray at Pratten Park.

A crowd of 5,932 turned up to watch Olympic take what should have been a big step nearer to the 1983 NSL title.

However at the end of the day a cavalcade of cars driven by fretting fans was seen heading from Pratten Park in the direction of the Gap!

It's little wonder the Olympic support was disappointed and indeed frustrated at a performance by their team that was just not good enough.

There is no room for excuses — Olympic lacked ideas and flair and seemed to adopt the wrong system of play.

The quicker coach Tom Docherty reverts to his favourite 4 - 2 - 4 system (for home games at least) the quicker the results will come for the Olympians.

The hallmark of teams in the past coached by The Doc has been two fast wingers; why he has now decided to play without them is indeed puzzling.

Especially with a four-man midfield that at present lacks guile, a good general and the know-how to open up a packed opposition defence.

Big striker Steve Patterson is being lambasted over not scoring goals for Olympic.

Don't blame Patterson — feel sorry for the big fellow for at present he's ploughing a lone furrow without any real service or support.

World Cup great Paolo Rossi would find it hard to score goals in this Olympic set-up.

As for Footscray — well full marks to them and their coach Bobby McLachlan, they deserve every bit of credit that's going.

Every man was a hero and I've never seen such a 100 percent team effort from a Footscray line-up before.

They chased and competed for every ball in a manner that did them proud.

Coach McLachlan had them organised to a tee and they soaked up tremendous pressure before and after Zdravko Lucic grabbed the winner in the 64th minute.

Every man in the Footscray team did his bit

but special mention has to be made of goalkeeper Dennis Boland, defender Ken Taylor, and tireless front runner Paul Pasimic.

Lucic took the goal well and could easily have got another two when he hit the Olympic defence on the break late on in the game.

On this performance, Footscray will not finish at the foot of the ladder.

Olympic can still capture honours if they can get their act together at Pratten Park where it is important to pick up home points.

OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Herbert, Dakos, Jennings; Raskopoulos (Coady 65m), Patikas, Katholos, Phillips; Soper, Paterson.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland; Taylor, Kyriacoulas, Tuttill, Hazabent; Belic, Carroll, Curovic, Paton; Lujic, Pasimic (McLeod 87th).

REFEREE: D. Rennie. CROWD: 5,932.



STEVE PATTERSON, SYDNEY OLYMPIC'S TALL CENTRE-FORWARD, HEADS THE BALL IN THE MATCH AGAINST FOOTSCRAY WHILE VLADKO BELIC WAITS AND HOPES.

APPLAUSE FOR BOTH TEAMS

by STEVE BURNS

CANBERRA was the victor — Wollongong the vanquished — but both shared the applause for a game of class and quality that absorbed total attention from the first to the final whistle.

Canberra won 3-1, a win they deserved for their better all-round balance and ability.

But the turning point came just two minutes into the second half with the team's locked together 1-1.

Canberra were awarded a penalty — which they converted.

And it was a penalty hotly disputed by Wollongong's coach Willie Wallace who also had some generally disparaging remarks to make about the performance of Canberra referee, Bob Mee.

Some of the remarks were shared by Canberra's coach, George Murray. "I've always believed referees should be seen and not heard, but that wasn't the case today and it spoiled the game."

It wasn't allowed to flow," said Murray.

But it was a game that had everything. From the start, Canberra shook off their usual lethargic opening to hammer Wollongong with incessant attacks.

Such was the pressure that in the first 12 minutes Wollongong conceded five corner kicks — and from two Canberra came within an ace of scoring.

The 'ace' was goalkeeper

Jim Preston who showed amazing activity and anticipation — particularly when tipping a Frank Farina header over the cross bar and stopping at point blank range a header from Terry Byrne.

The difference then and throughout was the superiority of Canberra's midfield. It had more class, penetration and pace.

Yet Wollongong were a side well versed in maximising the quick break as they showed to perfection in the 16th minute.

From the midfield Phil O'Connor was able to quickly feed Roy Cotton and the big front runner then showed fine ball artistry to round two defenders and shoot chest high. Canberra's goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski had moved out to narrow the angle and did brilliantly to fist the shot over the bar.

Then came Canberra's first goal. Awarded a free kick on the edge of the penalty area, it was taken by Steve Bryant and bent around the defensive wall and into the net.

Bryant, unfortunately, was soon to be hurt and was eventually replaced at the interval by 18 years old Marko Perinovic.

Against the run of play but with an almost identical movement, Wollongong grabbed a surprised 30th minute equaliser.

It was Cotton who slipped the free kick to O'Connor whose first time volley thundered past Hoszowski.

Then came the penalty.

Big Perinovic burst down the right flank and across to

fleet-footed Farina who was tackled and upended by two Wollongong defenders. Immediately referee Mee blew for the penalty which Gary Byrne converted — but not before goalkeeper Preston had once again shown great agility in getting a hand to the ball but could do no more than push it into the

roof of the net.

Then came the goal of the game. Preston had slide-tackled Perinovic and had managed to stab the ball away from any danger. Unfortunately it rolled to Ian Gibson and although at least 40 metres from goal, Gibson cracked the ball first time and then danced in jubilation as he watched

it rocket into the net.

Full marks to Wollongong for a courageous fight back, twice coming close to scoring in the last 15 minutes.

One can only hope for more games of this calibre and a return of Canberra's missing fans: only 1,313 of them watched Saturday's game.

Canberra: Hoszowski, Young, Murray, Walsh, T. Byrne, G. Byrne, Bryant (Perinovic 45), Cole, McLaren, Gibson, Farina.

Wollongong: Preston, Willis, Vlietstra, Dunleavy, Pollard, Gaffney, Fleming, Ainsworth, Kerr (McBreen 65) Cotton, O'Connor.

Referee: B. Mee. Crowd: 1,313.

MARCONI McCULLOCH MAGNIFICENT

Marconi picked up three valuable points which enabled them to jump from third last to 10th on the League ladder when they defeated visiting Heidelberg 2 nil at Marconi Stadium on a heavy track.

Australia's World Youth skipper, Tommy McCulloch was outstanding, operating from midfield. He directed traffic well with excellent tackling which checked Heidelberg's build-ups, and topped all this off by setting up Marconi's second goal most unselfishly in the 65th minute.

Oddly enough, Heidelberg should have drawn first blood when Mike Valentine had a good opportunity but in fact it was Marconi who went ahead in the 21st minute through a penalty awarded by referee, Tim Davies and scored by Vic Bozanic.

Bozanic earlier on shaved the Heidelberg left post in only the seventh minute when he cracked a 20 metre shot on the run.

But Bozanic made no mistake with his penalty when he hit it to the right, sending goalkeeper, Jeff Olver, the wrong way.

Heidelberg looked solid enough to hold Marconi in the first half, especially through their two centre-backs, Don McLeod and Charlie Yankos. Marconi found them anything but compassionate with their vigorous tackling. In fact these two forced Marconi to go out wide and not through the middle.

With the score at 1 nil at the break, Marconi coach, Doug Collins, was forced to take off his World Youth striker, Rod Brown who suffered blighted vision after a fierce tackle, and replaced

him with Jay O'Rourke.

In the second half, Marconi gradually wore down Heidelberg especially through the valiant efforts of Tommy McCulloch and his young partner, Atti Carbone.

In the 65th minute, Mark Jankovics had a shot at goal which was well frozen on the goal-line by Heidelberg's left-back, Johnny Spanos. But Spanos' pass was collected by McCulloch inside the box, and instead of shooting at the target, he elected to send it wide to his left to pick up Rene Licata who crashed home his shot from very close-range.

Over the last 15 minutes, Heidelberg's central defenders withered away as Marconi poured through and only great saves from goalkeeper Olver blocked out hot-shots from Jankovics and Licata.

In fact on a dry ground, Marconi would have had too much pace up front for the Victorians.

Heidelberg in the process of completely rebuilding their team, have many youngsters. So much so that captain Jimmy Campbell and Theo Selemidis now find themselves as the only two players over 23.

The Marconi midfield trio of Sermanni, McCulloch and Carbone, proved too strong and experienced for Heidelberg's Selemidis, Vincent and Campbell.

Heidelberg lacked crosses from the flanks to get behind the defence, and badly need a good old fashioned target man for them to be able to hit up front and take the brunt of pressure in the box. Pace is also lacking on the wings and this is



worrying coach Ken Morton and president Sam Gouloupoulos.

The Heidelberg president said after the match: "You can't take it away from Marconi. They were the better team on the day."

In the Heidelberg dressing room, coach Ken Morton lamented: "The penalty decision was a harsh one which really put us back."

Meanwhile in the Marconi dressing room, coach Doug Collins unsmilingly stated: "So what? We got three good points and played well. But we have been playing well all along and NOT getting the points."

"I'm not gloating because it is too early, but I'm satisfied," Collins added.

MARCONI: James; Bozanic, Henderson, Degney, Rizzotto; McCulloch, Sermanni, Carbone; Brown (O'Rourke 45 min), Jankovics, Licata.

HEIDELBERG: Olver; McKie, McLeod, Yankos, Spanos; Selemidis, Vincent, Campbell; Lea, Patterson, Valentine (Toro 77m).

REFEREE: Tim Davies.

CROWD: 3,361

By John Economos

ROUND UP

HUMILIATION FOR SOUTH

by CON NIKOLOPOULOS

NEWCASTLE KB United collected the best reward for their tiring trip to Melbourne for the clash with South Melbourne.

Ken Kaiser's disciplined raiders humiliated South Melbourne with a 5-2 win and started a strong challenge for the championship. The visitors outplayed, out-jumped and outwitted their opposition for most of the game, with the exception of a short period of 15 minutes when South players really threw everything into the game... though reduced to

10 men because of Alan Davidson's leg injury which forced him out of the game in the 51st minute.

Rasic's prima donnas collapsed in a heap right from the start and it looks as though it will take some time to recover from the hammering they have received in the last four weeks.

A disappointed Rale Rasic admitted after the

game that the team is having some serious problems but he added "I have not been able to sort out this problem yet."

Brett Cowburn surprised Peter Laumets with the first goal after 21 minutes, from a clever Mountford move.

Mountford drew South's shaky defence to the side line and lobbed the ball inside the area; Burke out jumped the defence to touch the ball down for Cowburn whose swirling shot sent Laumets the wrong direction.

Newcastle tightened their grip of the game a minute later when Grant Lee sliced through the defence and played the ball into the net for the second goal.

Until then, South's defence lacked co-ordination, apparently because of Yzendoorn's inability to work with his team mates.

Egan scored South's first goal in almost 400 minutes of Soccer in the 38th minute; Davidson punted a long ball through and the nippy forward cut through the defence and placed it into the net through Gosling's legs.

Newcastle increased their lead two minutes before half-time. Cowburn beat the offside trap and burst forward only to be brought down by Oscar Crino right on the area line. David Jones took the free kick brilliantly driving the ball through the wall into the net.

Rale Rasic substituted Yzendoorn with Buljevic in the second half and pushed Crino to centre-half. Crino, however, found it extremely difficult to keep up with the tremendous pace of David Lowe and Grant Lee.

Souths were reduced to 10 men in the 51st minute when Alan Davidson was carried off, following a collision with a Newcastle defender.

South's hopes of equalising were revived in the 61st minute when Wooddin reduced the margin with a 30 metre low drive which gave Gosling no chance.

Newcastle went further ahead in the 80th minute, through Grant Lee.

Steve Blair gave the fifth goal away one minute before full-time; his weak header back to his goal keeper was picked up by David Lowe who slotted the ball into the net.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Davidson, Yzendoorn (Buljevic 46), Blair, Halford, Crino, Murphy, Egan, Brown, Wooddin.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, H. Tredinnick, Burke, Watson, Jones, Cowburn, Mason, Lee, Lowe, Mountford (Senkalski 67).

REFEREE: J. Fearn.
CROWD: 3,000.



Charlie Egan

ROUND UP

LAST MINUTE REPRIEVE

by JOCK STEPHEN

One must commend Preston on a thrilling second half reversal to snatch a 2-1 victory during injury time against Adelaide City.

One would have thought that Adelaide City were the home side as their every move had skill, confidence and fast moving tactics.

The Preston side were too sluggish at getting to the ball and this suited Adelaide City to perfection.

City might even have deserved a second goal before the interval but, Richard Wilson in goal, was a hero in his own right in preventing a second score.

One must commend Adelaide City for their strong attacking play which paid off after only two minutes when Leslie Carter scored.

The first 30 minutes were barren for Preston with no scoring efforts while Adelaide City were on target 10 times without luck.

The Preston team must have received a hot lecture from coach Peter Ollerton during the break and the transformation was miraculous. Preston were now in the driving seat with fast team moves putting pressure on City.

Preston's dismal first half vanished and the spectators were more vocal in support as they urged their team on. An Ilioski goal after 52 minutes was their reward and both sides settled down to the real business of winning the game.

Stewart Blair got things going Adelaide's way and shortly after Joe Mullen had a great chance but shot wide.

A steady drizzle had made for a grease surface and conditions were not easy for the players however, full marks for effort from both sides and even if we did not think much of the first half all players were applauded off the ground at the finish.

The miracle header by Zarko Odzakovic from a George Campbell corner in the last minute of injury time set the seal on a fine game.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinas, Flavell, Ilioski, Jones, Todorovski (Livingstone 12m), Campbell, Lucchesi, McMillan, Odzakovic, Ward.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Cole (Schillabeer 82m), B. Nyskohous, Banfield, Mullen, Melta, Dods, Blair, Carter, Maxwell, Vallani.

REFEREE: S. Mellings.
CROWD: 3,000.

GOOD STUFF — DESPITE THE RAIN

by MIKE BAILEY

DESPITE poor conditions, the Brisbane City — Sydney City game in Lismore provided an entertaining 2-2 draw.

They equalised in the 57th minute but Tony Pezzano, Sydney's goalkeeper, can be considered unlucky.

He made a brilliant reflex save when Steve Glockner shot from close range but the ball hit the crossbar and rebounded to give Gary Bromfield the easiest goal of his career.

The game was getting physical but was kept in check by FIFA referee Tony Boskovic who did well.

Billy Wilkinson gave Brisbane the lead after 75 minutes with a goal that would have brought the house down in most stadiums in the world.

The ball had been bobbing around in the penalty area and a half-hearted clearance went to Wilkinson running wide. From 35 metres, a brilliant chip shot landed in the top corner of the net.

John Paul de Marigny had replaced Boden in the 52nd minute and he got his first NSL goal in the dying moments to give Sydney City a share of the points.

Eddie Thomson, Sydney City coach, said after the game that he was happy with the result under the circumstances.

SYDNEY CITY: Pesano, Cant, Robertson, O'Connor, Bruce, Kay, Watson, Barnes, Gomez, Kosmina, Boden (52 mts de Marigny).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Hamilton, Wilkinson, Tokesi, Perry, Liddell, Bromfield, Pimblett, Hughes (Cairney 80), Glockner, Williamson.

REFEREE: A. Boskovic.
CROWD: 2,300.

The ground was heavy due to the rain that had fallen during the week but was surprisingly in good condition. Even so, chances were missed that should have been taken and will probably be blamed on the weather.

Local officials were disappointed at the crowd of 2,300 but only the most dedicated Soccer fan would have come out in such conditions.

A fine evening would have attracted three times as many spectators.

The way Sydney City opened up, it was obvious scoring goals was the only thing on their minds.

In the first minute, Paul Kay, who was their best player in the first half, ran almost the full length of the field but shot wide.

Not long after, John Kosmina stabbed the ball through to Ken Boden but he also shot wide.

In the 26th minute, Sydney opened the scoring. Murray Barnes took the ball wide and knocked it to Kay running through the middle. Kay gave it to Joe Watson on the touchline.

His pinpoint cross found Kosmina's head and Kim Wishart had no chance of saving.

Six minutes later, Kosmina should have scored after being left with only Wishart to beat.

For Australia's number one striker, the shot was a feeble effort.

The game was a contest of two halves as Brisbane City absorbed all Sydney City could throw at them during the first half and came out to be the better team in the second half.

NAIL—BITING AT HINDMARSH

IT was a day of nail-biting high drama at Hindmarsh Stadium where Leichhardt came from behind twice only to see a vital away point snatched by a last minute penalty which gave West Adelaide a 3-2 win.

There were several highlights which began when the teams took the field.

West had centre-back Robbie Dunn as a striker for the bruised-ribbed Paul Wormley and Steve Baker from the reserves making his debut as a twin-central defence. Sweeper Neil McGachey had a broken toe.

Baker joined full-back Bill Amey who was replacing Dunn while Brenton Heim switched to full-back from his midfield defensive role.

Then there was Chris Manou, transferred from Adelaide City two weeks ago, making his debut on the left side of the midfield.

Leichhardt's Bas Giam-paolo failed a fitness test which allowed Robbie De-Ceglie to play on the wing. Cliff Van Blerk was in charge of the team because regular coach Fil Bottalico remained in Sydney for his son's wedding.

The first thrill for the home fans was a goal from Dunn in the 8th minute when he accepted a ball

..By Tom McKain..

Penalty sinks Leichhardt

from midfielder Micky Brennan and slammed a low shot past goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse.

It then appeared as if West were going to be content to adopt a defensive attitude.

With the score 1-0 at half-time, spectators were resigned to a boring afternoon, even if it meant three points — but Leichhardt striker Tony Morsello had other ideas.

In the 52nd minute, he weaved his way from the right, having thrown off Amey and Baker, and slotted the ball neatly under the diving West custodian Gary Sproul.

Back charged West and it was Manou who moved in from the left to rifle home a

Graham Honeyman cross from the right in the 57th minute.

But while the fans were basking in the glory of it all Berti Mariani met a cross from Johann Scharmann with his head, outjumping the home defenders and popping the ball over the leaping Sproul.

Leichhardt continued to charge forward as did West.

There were scares for both defences before Mariani upended home winger Graham Heys on the right of the box, and Amey stepped up to take the penalty with a minute left.

He scored, and it was all over.

While no one could class the match a classic, it was exciting in the second half and as Leichhardt captain Terry Butler said: "We can't complain about the penalty, it was one. But we thought we should have had one at the other end: that's how things go."

He felt his team were regularly creating pressure and gaining possession but could not capitalise.

Butler, Scharmann and John Bradley did enough in midfield to deserve a better fate.

And De Ceglie looked the part up front along with Morsello and Peter Tredinnick.

But while the new look makeshift West back four showed large holes at times, so did the enthusiastic Mariani, Arnold Bertogno, Ian Gray and Paul Carter.

Perhaps that's what made it all worthwhile for the fans in the second half as Manou, Heys, Graham Honeyman and Dunn, with support from Steve Atsalas and fellow midfielder Brennan, charged at the Leichhardt goal.

Right-back McGregor also got into the act although his shot was well off target.

Referee Donald Campbell got a firm grip of the game and the only name to go into his book was that of Gray.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, McGregor, Amey, Baker, Dunn, Brennan (Doorne 79), Heys, Atsalas, Manou, Honeyman, Heim.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Carter, Gray, Mariani, Bertogno, Scharmann, Butler, Bradley, Morsello, Tredinnick, De Ceglie.

CROWD: 3,126.
REFEREE: D. Campbell.

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AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

THE SAINTS ARE ON THE BALL

By Ken Sansom

It is good to see lower division clubs working hard to promote themselves and the game. Warringah-Narrabeen Soccer Club, or the 'Saints' as they are known, are a great example.

The club plays in the NSW State League second division, and is among Australia's oldest clubs. Last year they celebrated their 50th Anniversary.

Warringah-Narrabeen are working very hard as far as promotion is concerned. They have released a four page full colour leaflet aimed at potential sponsors.

It gives a general insight into the club, is excellently presented and is bound to meet with success.

The Saints are situated on Sydney's north side and play their home games at the well-appointed Narrabeen Fitness Camp complex.

At each home game a match programme equal to that produced by any State League and many more National League teams - is sold and has been commended by visiting teams and officials.

From a proud history and a strong base today we are looking forward to an exciting new phase in the development of Warringah-Narrabeen Soccer Club



Also, as part of their marketing work, the club has T-shirts, casual shirts and jumpers bearing the club name.

The three grades in the State League are strongly supported by the affiliated Narrabeen Youth Club which has 40 teams

and 500 players (the Federation side of the club greatly assists the Association teams by putting on skills days to help the youngsters. It also contributes coaches to the younger teams.)

Indeed, the Saints seem to be heading on the right road to success.

FONTANA SETTLES IN AT AVALA

By Phil Murphy

STRIKER Glenn Fontana has moved from Wollongong City to State League club Avala after two other clubs tired for his signature.

Wollongong United and Fairy Meadow wanted to keep Fontana on the south coast but Avala came good with the best offer.

Earlier, the player seemed certain to move to United but negotiations broke down one day and Fontana signed with Avala the next.

Fontana joined Wollongong City when the club was formed, coach Ken Morton signing him from United.

Despite his lack of experience in the big-time, Fontana did a useful job and scored a number of goals, but realised he wasn't going to get a regular game this season.

Coach Willie Wallace had decided on a 4-4-2 set-up. With Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton up front, Fontana's chances would have been limited.

He played with Tarawanna before his move to United and helped that club win a grand final three years ago.

In his debut with Avala, he came on after 30 minutes as a replacement and helped his new club to a very important 2-1 win.

Fontana says he enjoyed his spell in the National League because originally he was surprised when Morton wanted to sign him.

Totally dedicated to the game, Fontana has worked hard on his game in the last three years and deserves success at Avala.

TOP EFFORT BY CROATIA

By Andrew Paschalidis

Powerful State League club Croatia had a 100 per cent winning record on their recent trip to Indonesia.

They defeated a combined Indonesian National side 2-0 in their opening game. Goalscorers were Lee Sterrey and Mario Kovacic.

In their second match they were pitted against the top club side in Indonesia, Semarang. Once again they defeated their rivals 2-0. Mario Kovacic and Mark Holloway were the goalscorers.

The greatest result was against Banbung (from the city of Persib). This game was handsomely won 4-0 by the visitors. Wally Savor starred with two goals and Mario Kovacic and Mark Holloway collected one apiece.

The final match was against the combined Indonesian U23 side. This was the only game in which Croatia conceded a goal. Played at Jakarta Stadium, Croatia ran out winners 2-1.

Croatia celebrated their successful trip with a party arranged by the Australian Embassy in Indonesia.

The Indonesian Government had previously invited the Young Socceroos to tour but the ASF World Cup committee rejected.

Croatia jumped at the opportunity and proved to be more than able replacements.

On a sour note Peter Hensman is out for five to six weeks after breaking three bones in his back in the return game against Blacktown.

STATE LEAGUE

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	7	6	1	1	14	3	11
Blackdown	7	5	0	2	16	8	10
Croatia	5	4	1	0	7	1	9
Sutherland	7	4	1	2	12	7	9
Inter-Monaro	8	3	2	3	12	9	8
Ku-Ring-Gai	7	2	3	2	10	7	7
Manly	6	3	1	2	11	7	7
Avala	8	2	3	3	6	11	7
Yugol	7	2	2	3	7	10	6
Can-M-Ville	7	2	1	4	8	13	5
Bankstown	6	1	2	1	7	11	4
Polonia	5	0	3	2	7	12	3
Auburn	8	0	0	6	4	17	0

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blackdown	7	6	1	0	21	8	13
Melita	7	5	0	2	12	12	12
Sutherland	7	5	0	2	16	8	10
Ku-Ring-Gai	6	4	1	1	15	3	9
Bankstown	5	3	2	0	13	6	8
Manly	7	4	0	3	17	11	8
Can-M-Ville	7	3	1	3	13	12	7
Croatia	6	2	2	1	10	8	6
Auburn	6	2	0	4	10	15	4
Yugol	7	2	0	5	6	29	4
Avala	8	1	1	6	12	23	3
Polonia	6	0	1	5	3	16	1
Inter-Monaro	8	0	1	7	7	23	1

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	6	5	0	1	21	8	10
Can-M-Ville	6	4	2	0	15	3	10
Manly	7	4	1	2	23	9	9
Melita	7	2	3	2	8	5	7
Croatia	4	2	2	0	9	4	6
Blackdown	6	2	2	2	10	8	6
Polonia	5	3	0	2	5	8	6
Ku-Ring-Gai	6	2	1	3	8	10	5
Auburn	5	2	1	2	7	15	5
Bankstown	5	1	1	3	9	10	3
Avala	7	1	1	5	7	20	3
Yugol	6	0	0	6	2	23	0

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	7	6	1	0	15	7	13
Gladesville	6	5	0	1	14	8	10
W'gong Utd	6	4	2	1	13	7	10
Rockdale	7	4	1	2	17	13	9
Warr N'been	6	3	2	1	13	8	8
Artamon	7	4	0	3	14	9	8
Penrith Utd	6	2	4	2	8	10	8
Dee Why	6	3	2	3	14	17	8
Rev Workers	6	2	3	1	12	7	7
Nth Bankstown	6	2	1	3	12	9	5
Para City	8	0	4	4	6	14	4
Blackdown Utd	6	1	1	4	5	7	3
Uni of NSW	7	0	2	5	4	13	2
Belmore	6	0	1	5	2	22	1

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'gong Utd	8	5	0	2	23	12	12
Fairy Meadow	7	4	2	1	20	14	10
Para City	8	4	2	2	15	15	10
Gladesville	6	3	3	0	16	4	9
Penrith Utd	8	4	1	3	15	9	9
Rev Workers	8	4	0	2	15	8	8
Warr N'been	6	2	3	1	7	5	7
Artamon	7	3	1	3	15	17	7
Nth Bankstown	6	2	2	2	10	10	6
Rockdale	7	2	1	4	19	14	6
Dee Why	8	2	1	5	6	14	5
Uni of NSW	8	2	1	5	8	19	5
Belmore	7	1	1	5	10	19	3
Blackdown Utd	6	1	0	5	5	14	2

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Penrith Utd	7	6	1	0	26	8	13
Fairy Meadow	7	6	0	1	24	10	12
Dee Why	8	4	2	2	15	12	10
Rockdale	7	3	2	2	8	9	8
Para City	8	4	0	4	10	13	8
Warr N'been	6	3	1	2	14	11	7
Uni of NSW	8	2	3	3	7	13	7
Gladesville	8	1	4	1	11	11	6
Nth Bankstown	8	3	0	3	11	11	6
Blackdown Utd	6	2	2	2	10	11	6
W'gong Utd	7	1	3	3	10	14	6
Belmore	7	2	0	5	10	13	4
Artamon	7	1	2	4	11	20	4
Rev Workers	8	0	0	6	4	27	0

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bathurst 75	4	3	1	0	8	1	7
Nth Ryde	5	3	1	1	7	6	7
C'town City	5	2	2	1	10	7	6
Kingsford	3	2	1	0	7	5	5
Gladesville Hby	4	2	1	1	6	4	5
Queens Park ES	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Mt Druit Town	4	1	2	1	5	4	4
Bondi Marine	4	1	1	2	10	5	3
Lane Cove Utd	5	1	1	3	9	12	3
L'pool Albion	4	0	3	1	4	7	3
CSI	4	1	0	3	4	7	2
B'kham Hills	4	0	0	4	5	16	0

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
C'town City	5	5	0	0	14	4	10
Mt Druit Town	4	3	0	1	9	5	8
L'pool Albion	4	2	1	1	7	4	5
CSI	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
Nth Ryde	5	2	1	2	12	5	5
Bondi Marine	4	1	2	1	10	5	4
B'kham Hills	4	1	2	1	9	8	4
Lane Cove Utd	5	1	1	3	9	10	3
Queens Park ES	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Bathurst 75	4	1	1	2	3	8	3
Kingsford	3	0	1	2	1	11	1
Gladesville Hby	4	0	1	3	3	10	1

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
C'town City	5	4	0	1	19	5	8
B'kham Hills	4	4	0	0	13	1	8
Gladesville Hby	4	4	0	0	13	1	8
Queens Park ES	4	3	0	1	13	5	8
L'pool Albion	4	2	0	2	14	6	4
Mt Druit Town	4	2	0	2	9	9	4
CSI	4	2	0	2	12	13	4
Kingsford	3	1	1	1	4	7	3
Bondi Marine	4	1	0	3	7	13	2
Bathurst 75	4	0	1	3	4	10	1
Nth Ryde	5	0	1	4	5	17	1
Lane Cove Utd	5	0	1	4	4	30	1

NEW COACH FOR TAMWORTH CITY RAIDERS

By Mike Pavey

THE directors of Tamworth City Soccer club have appointed local player John McCormack as coach for their first grade squad in the Northern NSW first division competition.

This was brought about by original coach Jim Hewson's failure to return from England due to a family illness.

Hewson, in the eyes of club directors, was their ideal choice and he was ready to move from Canberra with his family when news came through from England regarding his father-in-law's serious illness.

TERREY HILLS' SIGHTS

Coach Dave Flakas and his assistant Phil Russell have set Terrey Hills' sights on winning the NSW Amateur Cup this season.

If they make it they will be the first club from Manly-Warringah Association to do so.

Terrey Hills play in Premier League and have won the first grade for the past two seasons and are aiming high again this year.

The club has sponsors in Jeff and Bob Christie of Christie's Hire Service at Brookvale.

RESULTS

Blacktown v Polonia	3-1	6-1	5-0
Manly Warringah v S.S.C. Yugol	1-0	0-2	X
Inter Monaro v Can-M-Ville	2-1	0-2	DEFERRED
Ku-ring-gai v Bankstown	0-1	0-0	1-3
Avala v Croatia Sydney	1-3	1-3	1-4
Auburn v Sutherland Shire			

2ND DIVISION			
Warringah N'been v Blacktown United	DEFERRED		
Artamon v Fairy Meadow	DEFERRED		
Revesby W'ks v Nth Bankstown	DEFERRED		
Belmore v St-Ville Ravens	DEFERRED		
Rockdale v Dee Why	4-2	0-3	1-1
Uni of NSW v Parramatta City	0-0	0-2	2-0
Wollongong Utd v Penrith Utd	1-1	4-2	DEF.

3RD DIVISION			
Queens Pk E/S v Bathurst 75	DEFERRED		
Bondi Marine v Mt Druit Town	DEFERRED		
Nth Ryde v Gladesville Hby	2-1	2-2	1-4
C'belltown City v Lane Cove Utd	5-3	4-1	0-0
CSI v Kingsford	DEFERRED		
Baulkham Hills v Liverpool Albion	DEFERRED		

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION			
Maroubra Utd v Wentworth Waratahs	2-0	5-0	
Sydney Uni v Fairfield West	3-2	0-1	
Eastern Creek v Concordia	DEFERRED		
H'ville Zabreb v Spanish Club	2-0	1-1	
Fairfield Kiev v King Tomislav	2-2	1-1	
Nineveh Eagles v Port Hacking	1-2	4-1	

First grade: Maroubra Utd 9, Pt Hacking 8, Syd Uni 7, Fairfield Kiev 6, Fairfield West 5, King Tomislav 5, Hurst Zagreb 4, Eastern Creek 3, Nineveh Eagles 3, Wentworth Waratahs 3, Spanish Club 3, Concordia 2.

2nd grade: Fairfield West 8, Maroubra Utd 7, Syd Uni 6, Pt Hacking 6, King Tomislav 5, Nineveh Eagles 5, Spanish Club 5, Eastern Creek 4, Fairfield Kiev 4, Hurst Zagreb 3, Concordia 2, Wentworth Waratahs 2.

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION			
Sydney Maccabi v Padstow Park	3-3	0-2	
Chile Sports v Moorebank	0-2	0-1	
Tandinos Spts v Pagewood	1-2	0-2	
C'belltown Gunns v Eastwood S/A	0-2	1-0	
West St George v West Utd	4-0	1-0	

First grade: Eastwood SA 7, C'town Gunns 5, West St George 5, Trasandinos Spts 5, Chelsea 4, Sydney Maccabi 4, Moorebank 4, Pagewood 4, Chile Sports 2, Padstow Pk 2, West Utd 1.

Second grade: Moorebank 7, C'town Gunns 7, Pagewood 7, Eastwood S/A 4, West St George 4, Chelsea 3, Padstow Park 3, Trasandinos Spts 3, Syd Maccabi 3, Chile Sports 2, West Utd 1.

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

Blacktown Wands v Green Valley Utd	DEFERRED
Macquarie Uni v Haberfield B/D's	2-3 1-1
Hawkesbury Dist v Robins	1-1 0-2
Revesby Rovers v Ryde District	1-6 0-3
Liverpool City v Macarthur Utd	

Croatia too strong for arch-rivals

By Andrew Paschalidis

Croatia held out determined arch-rivals Avala in their 1-0 victory at Knight Park.

Early into the game a fine passing combination between Arnold and Woods found Carrizo free at the edge of the six-yard area, but his acrobatic shot was blocked by an Avala defender.

Moments later a well-fought corner from Croatia was brilliantly plucked out of the air by Ahrens.

Minutes before the interval a massive clearance by Ahrens was headed on by Burrows to the unmarked Tilt, however his shot was well saved by Watson.

The second half started at the same furious pace. A fine through ball by Hosseini found Fontana free, but his shot was blocked by Croatia.

In the 70th minute Avala had their best opportunity to hit the lead. A fine run down the right flank by Hosseini and subsequent cross found Tilt free but his attempt went wide.

Tilt was in the thick of the action once again. He skilfully beat his man in the

area, but his shot was well blocked.

Croatia sealed the issue with minutes remaining. A curling free kick from Carrizo was headed home by Savor.

Croatia were well served by Sterrey in defence. Arnold and Carrizo were a constant threat up front.

The Avala defence played very soundly with Ahrens and Lembryk prominent. Burrows continually looked dangerous when on the attack.

GOALS: Croatia (Savor 33).

CROATIA: S. Watson, A. Kovacic, D. Tomasic, B. Woods, L. Sterrey, B. Vidaic, J. Radman, W. Savor, G. Arnold, R. Carrizo, M. Holloway (M. Davis 73).

GOALS: Croatia (Savor 33).

Inter-Monaro maintained their unbeaten record at home when they defeated Cant-M'ville 1-0 at Marco Polo Oval.

The game started at a scorching pace. Reis and

Godzik combined early into the game and the skilful attempt at goal was well saved by El Zein.

Soon after, a through ball from Reis found Willox free, but his attempt just skimmed the goalpost.

Minutes after the interval a powerful 30m drive by Reis was brilliantly saved by El Zein.

In a smart tactical move, Veizi brought himself on in the second stanza and this resulted in the match winning goal.

He passed the ball to the unmarked Reis and he skilfully lobbed the ball over the Canterbury

Soon after the interval Regan's persistence paid off. His well executed cross was headed into goal by Eaton.

Minutes later Berry crossed the ball to Hunter and his attempt hit the crossbar.

In the 50th minute Bankstown levelled the score. Beck was brought down inside the area and Hatton made no mistake from the spot.

Bankstown maintained their attacking style and forced Curtis to pull off some good saves.

In the 83rd minute Eaton clinched the game when he stabbed a low free kick from Brockbank into the back of the net.

Ku-Ring-Gai made better use of the wet conditions. Curtis, Brockbank, and the attacking pair of Regan and Eaton helped to bring about Bankstown's downfall.

For Bankstown Giffin played superbly in goal. Beck was solid in defence and Brown was always dangerous up front.

BANKSTOWN: S. Giffin, W. Kennedy, R. Agostino, A. Beck, C. O'Neill, K. York (W. Parker 65), S. Blackburn, G. Hatton, A. Bourke, W. Brown (

blooded shot. Auburn got back into the game after Prgomelja headed a Kilkelly free kick into goal.

Seconds later a cross from Carney found Kilkelly free with the goal at his mercy, but, he completely missed the ball.

Clinch collected his double for the afternoon after he broke clear from the halfway line and slotted the ball past Bowman.

Carney always looked dangerous in attack and Kilkelly played strongly in the midfield for Auburn.

Sutherland were well represented by Clinch up front, and the midfield combination of Meades and Webber proved too strong.

AUBURN: D. Bowman, M. Kelly (T. Manago 86), C. Prgomelja, C. Quigley, T. Kilkelly, M. Taplin, M. Dale, L. Lunt, T. Kinsey, C. Townson (R. Allan 53), R. Carney.

SUTHERLAND: M. Haynes, B. Cashman, A. Sharfegger (B. Johnston 72), V. Dal Forno, G. Watkins, S. Meades, G. Knowles (P. McNiece 77), M. Harrington, J. Webber, N. Groome, S. Clinch.

GOALS: Sutherland (Clinch 41, 87, Groome 45), Auburn (Prgomelja 71).

Manly held out a valiant second half rally from Yugal in their 3-1 victory at Cromer Park.

Manly went into an early lead after only 14 minutes. From a free kick Smith made no mistake with his low drive into goal.

Falconer made it 2-0 when he curled the ball around the Yugal wall into the bottom corner of the net.

McIntosh and Clarke were strong in defence and prevented the score from reaching a higher total.

In the 40th minute Falconer broke through and slipped the ball to Stuart and he drove it low close to the post.

Seconds before the break Doyle beat the offside trap, but his attempt at goal was well saved by Wooton.

Yugal started in an enterprising manner in the second half and made several raids on the Manly goal.

A cross from Fox found Smith free, but his attempt was headed against the crossbar.

In the 58th minute Baumgartner pegged one back for Yugal when he latched on to a Rockodera pass and drove it low into the corner.

Yugal were unlucky not to make it two after Tanoski drove the ball from 20m against the base of the post.

Cassatari was sound in goal for Manly. Doyle was always dangerous on the move and Scott played a controlled game in the midfield for Manly.

Wooton, despite the scoreline, McIntosh in defence and Tanoski all played well for Yugal.

MANLY: C. Cassatari, B. Geoghan, B. Doyle, K. Falconer, A. Scott, G. Knoble, D. Fox, J. Van Heldon (A. McGrouther 82), T. Smith, P. Falconer, R. Stuart (P. Vale 77).

YUGAL: M. Wooton, M. Turkoglu, M. Rendell, D. McIntosh, J. Clarke, S. Babian, D. Forrester, R. Baumgartner, A. Rokodera, E. Pahor (R. Gogic 45), S. Tanoski.

GOALS: Manly (Smith 14, Falconer 20, Stuart 40), Yugal (Baumgartner 58).

City aim for future

Blacktown City have set up a three year plan designed to ensure they become a leading force in Australian Soccer.

Recently their board appointed a five-man committee to handle their Soccer administration duties.

The committee is made up of experienced men and is as follows; President: Brian Adair, Vice-President: Col Scott-Kennis, Secretary: Peter Thorn, Treasurer: Paul Morrison and Soccer co-ordinator: Alan Irving.

There are several vacancies to be filled at the next meeting of the Federation club.

Last week the club signed former St-George midfielder John Davies to a two year contract and goalkeeper Barry Hoare was signed for the same period.

—George Streeter.

DEFERRED GAME: Bankstown v Croatia at Melita Stadium, Friday night. First grade 3.00 pm, Second grade 6.15 pm.



Steve Watson, strengthened his claims for representative honours.

BALGOWNIE CENTENARY

The Balgownie Centenary knockout series has got away to a successful start and will continue right through the season on Wednesday nights at Judy Masters Oval.

It is being run to mark Balgownie's 100 years of Soccer and the Wollongong City NSL side is taking part each week.

After losing 4-1, in the first round to district side Coniston City coach Willie Wallace decided to strengthen his team for these games.

Against Coniston, only Jim McBreen and Alan Waldron took the field and the other players were from the Youth team.

With \$1,500 first prizemoney, Wallace is keen to put in a strong line-up and qualify for the grand final.

BALGOWNIE RANGERS SOCCER CLUB 1993 CENTENARY CUP

Two (2) games per night: Kick offs at 5.30 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.
2 Points for a win — 1 Point for a draw

May 4th	5.30 p.m.	E. West Figtree	v	D. Aris W'gong
	7.30 p.m.	G. Balgownie Rgrs.	v	B. Coniston
May 11th	5.30 p.m.	F. Lysaghts	v	D. Aris W'gong
	7.30 p.m.	H. Corrimal Rgrs.	v	B. Coniston
May 18th	5.30 p.m.	A. Wollongong City	v	G. Balgownie Rgrs.
	7.30 p.m.	C. Wollongong Utd.	v	E. West Figtree
May 25th	5.30 p.m.	D. Aris W'gong	v	B. Coniston
	7.30 p.m.	F. Lysaghts	v	G. Balgownie Rgrs.
June 1st	5.30 p.m.	H. Corrimal Rgrs.	v	E. West Figtree
	7.30 p.m.	A. Wollongong City	v	C. Wollongong Utd.
June 8th	5.30 p.m.	D. Aris W'gong	v	G. Balgownie Rgrs.
	7.30 p.m.	B. Coniston	v	E. West Figtree
June 15th	5.30 p.m.	H. Corrimal Rgrs.	v	C. Wollongong Utd.
	7.30 p.m.	F. Lysaghts	v	A. Wollongong City
June 22nd	5.30 p.m.	G. Balgownie Rgrs.	v	E. West Figtree
	7.30 p.m.	B. Coniston	v	C. Wollongong Utd.
June 29th	5.30 p.m.	D. Aris W'gong	v	A. Wollongong City
	7.30 p.m.	F. Lysaghts	v	H. Corrimal Rgrs.
July 6th	5.30 p.m.	G. Balgownie Rgrs.	v	C. Wollongong Utd.
	7.30 p.m.	E. West Figtree	v	A. Wollongong City
July 13th	5.30 p.m.	B. Coniston	v	F. Lysaghts
	7.30 p.m.	D. Aris W'gong	v	H. Corrimal Rgrs.

A listing of 1 to 8 in order of points accumulated.
The team with the most points will be declared Minor Premier.

PLAY-OFFS

July 20th	5.30 p.m.	A. 1st.	v	8th.
	7.30 p.m.	B. 2nd.	v	7th.
July 27th	5.30 p.m.	C. 3rd.	v	5th.
	7.30 p.m.	D. 4th.	v	6th.
	7.30 p.m.	D. 4th.	v	6th.
August 3rd	5.30 p.m.	Winner of A. game v		
		Winner of B. game		
		Winner of C. game v		
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keeper. Cant-M'ville fought hard for the equaliser and built their attacks up in great style. But, they were thwarted by the strong Monaro defence.

Reis, Willox and Leith starred for Monaro. Basterfield, only recently having re-signed, Laws and El Zein stood out for Canterbury.

CANT-M'VILLE: A. El Zein, T. Antonopoulos, S. Hantzis, J. Binos, G. Laws, T. Andreou, W. Vassiliou, T. Anagnostopoulos, N. Theodorakopoulos, J. Basterfield, C. Papadopoulos, Z. Micovic.

INTER-MONARO: C. Curcio, C. Lieth, A. Charles, J. Santolin, M. Francis, B. Willox, A. Monterosso, R. Popovic (R. Vieri 59), B. Godzik (M. Valeri 75), J. Arquero, A. Reis.

GOALS: Monaro (Reis 69).

Ku-Ring-Gai collected their second win of the season when they defeated a dogged Bankstown 2-1 at Parklands Oval.

The first half was dominated by Ku-Ring-Gai. At least 10 corners were forced against the Bankstown side.

However, enterprising goalkeeping from Giffin kept the score at 0-0 at the break.

J. Nocera 35), B. Gilligan. **KU-RING-GAI:** D. Curtis, D. Keven, D. Hammond, S. Knight, A. Robertson, M. Berry, T. Bertram, A. Brockbank, S. Regan, C. Eaton, N. Hunter (T. Gavin 80).

GOALS: Ku-Ring-Gai (Eaton 50, 83), Bankstown (Hatton 57).

★★★★

Sutherland recorded their first win in four weeks when they defeated Auburn 3-1 at Mona Park.

Auburn were unlucky not to hit the lead when Carney cut infield and his shot was cleared off the line by Cashman. Moments later Carney cut across again, but Haynes pushed the ball around the post.

Clinch was unlucky not to put Sutherland ahead when his shot was cleared off the line by Kelly.

Minutes later Kilkelly chipped the ball to the unmarked Quigley, but he made a mess of the chance.

Sutherland hit the lead when a Webber cross was cracked home by Clinch.

In the first minute after the break Groome made it 2-0 after he scored from a free kick taken from the edge of the area.

Haynes tipped a well taken Dale free kick over the bar. At the other end of the field Webber brought the best out of Bowman when he brilliantly saved a full

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Sunday May 8

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S.S.C. Yugal v Blacktown City Fraser Park
Cant-M'ville Oly v Manly Warringah Arlington Oval
Bankstown v Inter Monaro Soccer Centre
Croatia Sydney v Auburn King Tomislav Park

DIVISION 2

Round 9 — Saturday May 7

Revesby Workers v Uni of NSW Jensen Oval
Penrith United v Belmore Cook Park

Sunday May 8

Dee Why v Wollongong United ... Graham Reserve
Blacktown Utd v Rockdale Francis Park
Fairy Meadow v Warringah N'been Police Boys Grd.
Parramatta City v Artarmon Garside Park
North Bankstown v Gladesville Ravens Potts Park

DIVISION 1

Round 10 — Saturday May 14

Manly Warringah v Bankstown Cromer Park
Sunday May 15

Auburn v Polonia Mona Park
Avala v S.S.C. Yugal Knight Park
Blacktown City v Cant-M'ville Gabbie Stadium
Ku-Ring-Gai v Melita Eagles Parklands Oval
Sutherland Shire v Croatia Sydney Seymour Shaw Park

DIVISION 2

Round 10 — Saturday May 14

Rockdale v Fairy Meadow Hurstville Oval
Artarmon v Revesby Workers Artarmon Reserve
Uni. of NSW v North Bankstown Little Bay Oval

Sunday May 15

Belmore v Dee Why Blick Oval
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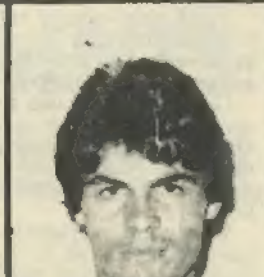
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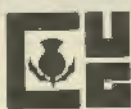
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EARLY CANCELLATIONS CRITICISED

says MYLES HAY

A DECISION made on Saturday afternoon to cancel all matches in the Northern NSW Soccer Premiership set down for Sunday has been criticised as being premature.

Heavy rain fell in the Newcastle area at the end of last week and on Saturday morning the Belmont Swansea versus Central Coast Association fixture at

Blacksmith was called off after inspection of the water-logged pitch.

Later in the afternoon, Northern NSW Federation directors decided to postpone the entire round planned for the following day.

This seemed a reasonable decision except predicted rain did not fall... with the result that some of the grounds could have been pronounced playable had inspections been made on Sunday morning.

Revised dates for the fixtures will be known this week.

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

By Phil Murphy

WHILE Fairy Meadow are leading the second division premiership, there is no doubt they could do with Alan Devenney in their midfield.

Devenney has been a key player for the club in recent seasons but is out with a knee injury.

He had hoped to have an operation in the off-season but felt he couldn't take time away from his job in the current economic climate in Wollongong.

It seems likely that Devenney will undergo cartilage operation soon but he is unlikely to appear in the team this season.

His attacking and defensive qualities are something that is lacking in the Fairy Meadow midfield, but the present side is still going very well.

The club also looks a safe bet for the club championship because their reserve and under 18 teams are also going along in great style and getting plenty of goals.

West-Figtree showed real premiership form to beat Cringila recently, playing most of the game with 10 men.

Full-back Paul Cole was sent off in the first half on a kicking charge but the premiers showed plenty of determination to go on and win 2-1.

That was the third game of the season and the first time Figtree had conceded a goal.

The team had fine defensive record last season and could easily do even better if they continue as they have started.

Former Wollongong Youth player Phil Matias is playing on the wing with the Dapto Rugby League team these days.

Matias, who also played with Coniston and Fairy Meadow, is still only 21 but says he is enjoying his change of football codes.

He gave up Soccer midway through last season when he became bored with the game but only this year turned to League.

Matias went to a Dapto training session with a mate and found he liked the game. "I had never played it before but seemed to adapt right away," he said.

After scoring a try in a reserve grade game, he was immediately promoted to first grade and was reported to be going well.

If he ever decides to return to Soccer, he has a \$5,000 transfer fee on his head imposed by Fairy Meadow.

Naturally there was no transfer fee involved when he switched to what they call "the greatest game of all."

Cringila coach Vasco Sekuloski has a high opinion of his newly-signed striker Martin Beech.

Beech transferred from Berkeley to join the stronger Cringila side and should get his share of goals this year.

He played in Luton Town's youth team before coming to Australia and his height and strength make him a very valuable player in premier league.

Youth League Saints revel in the rain

By Peter Russell

Rain once again interrupted the scheduled National Youth League weekend programme with the Sydney City v AIS game at Pratten Park and the Newcastle v Leichhardt match at Adamstown Oval being called off on Saturday.

It was no different on Wednesday evening at the St George Stadium where the Saints defeated Leichhardt 3-0 in the twice deferred fixture.

It was a wet and miserable night and St George adapted best to the conditions, displaying their best form of the season.

Despite their domination and good football the Saints first goal didn't arrive until the 43rd minute — via the penalty spot Steven Xantides converted.

Their lead was short lived however, as Leichhardt were back on level terms in the dying seconds of the half when Alvaro Falladosa lost possession near the far post after a free kick had been headed on.

Early in the second half Andrew Koczka put the Saints into the lead with a well taken goal. But, play was now starting to swing from end to end with both goalkeepers prominent. During this period Leichhardt might have been back on terms again, but for some fine saves by Mike Fiazer.

First half replacement Peter Petrovski, who came on when Tony Danaskos was injured in the 15th minute, sealed the game for Saints when he broke the offside trap to beat the advancing keeper Bob Catlin with a good shot.

The only match played at the weekend was at Bruce Stadium on Saturday where Canberra Arrows and Wollongong Wolves met for their third and final encounter this season.

The Arrows made it a hat-trick of wins when they ran out victors 4-1 to add to their previous 3-1 and 3-0 wins.

The first half was a very one-sided affair with the Arrows completely in command and they opened

their account in the 5th minute when Phil Redmond headed home a Joe Gageggi cross after a short corner.

Canberra continued to dictate play and created many chances and forced numerous corners, but failed to find the back of the net again until the 30th minute when Manis Lamond was on hand to finish off an Ian Stone corner.

The second half was a different story as far as Wollongong was concerned. Coach Wally Miller's half time talk had some effect as the Wolves came out fighting for every ball.

However, they still had no answer to Redmond's height and in the 55th minute he soared to head home a Stone free kick.

This did not deter the young Wolves and they bravely fought on and were rewarded for their efforts in the 65th minute with the best goal of the game from Darren Nees.

He swooped on a ball just outside the righthand corner of the penalty box and sent in an unstoppable shot into the top left hand corner of the net, giving Young Socceroo 'keeper Chris Hummel no chance.

In the 35th minute the irrepressible Lamond got into the action to score his sixth goal against Wollongong this season, beating the 'keeper with a low shot after receiving a good ball from Kiki Exposito.

Newcastle 2 (Caban, Brandt) beat Sydney City 1 (Haslam).

St George 3 (Zantides, Koczka, Petrovski) beat Leichhardt 1 (DeCeglie).

Canberra 4 (Redmond 2, Lamond 2) beat Wollongong 1 (Nees).

NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY — 8PM

Marconi v Leichhardt ... Marconi St.
AIS v Olympic ... Bruce Stadium
Newcastle v Syd City ... Inter. Spts. Ctr.

SUNDAY — 12.45PM

St George v Marconi ... St George St.



Chris Hummel, young Socceroos goalie

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NEWCASTLE	6	4	1	1	11	5	13
ST GEORGE	6	3	2	1	13	9	11
SYDNEY CITY	6	3	1	2	17	9	10
AIS	6	3	1	2	6	7	10
MARCONI	6	2	3	1	11	8	9
CANBERRA	7	3	0	4	16	16	9
OLYMPIC	5	2	1	2	9	13	7
WOLLONGONG	8	1	2	5	10	19	5
LEICHHARDT	6	1	1	4	6	13	4

GORDON STRIKES

IPSWICH United's Ken Gordon and Eastern Suburbs' Tony Bright are proving to be two of the most consistent goal-scorers in Queensland for several seasons.

After five rounds of QSF's new Premier League Gordon had netted seven times, while Bright was averaging a goal a game with five to his credit.

And both players were formerly with other premier League sides.

Gordon, a former Southside Eagles State League player, was a big success in the past two seasons with Grange Thistle. He netted 10 goals for Thistle in 1931 and was one of the club's top scorers last year when it played in the Brisbane first division.

This season he moved to Ipswich where he was reunited with former Eagles coach Matt Carson, but was involved in a transfer wrangle which eventually went to appeal.

Thistle remained firm on a \$2000 fee for Gordon, which was not reduced by the QSF management committee, but eventually the two clubs settled on \$1750.

Bright, is a former Mount Gravatt player but never broke into the first team there and was allowed to play on loan with Easts last season. But he spent much of the year in the club's reserve side despite rattling up almost 20 goals.

But, following a change of coach, with former Queensland player Syd Tucker taking over from Mal Bland, Bright has been a first team regular and continued his goal-scoring spree.

Other prominent scorers in the competition so far have been Thistle's Wilson Maelaua, the talented winger from New Caledonia, and Acacia Ridge's Peter Gerritsen, the brother of former Lions and Queensland youth team player Mick Gerritsen — who is now also at the Ridge. Maelaua and Gerritsen both had netted four times up to round five.

This weekend's matches, which have been switched to Saturday because of the Interstate game, is highlighted by the "local Derby" between Easts and Mount Gravatt.

There are numerous players from the two teams that have played at both clubs in their careers and

matches between East and Mount Gravatt are always tough and exciting affairs.

Easts have been the real pacesetters of the competition so far while Mount Gravatt, now under the control of captain-coach Eric Thompson, have been uncharacteristically inconsistent.

Until last weekend's match against Olympic, many were saying Easts had an easy start to the season and have avoided the big guns in their opening matches.

But, this weekend they will be out to prove the critics that their high standing in the league is deserved and they could prove a little strong for Mount Gravatt, who are still reeling from the loss through injury of experienced midfielder Harry Stewart.

Stewart, a cousin of young Soccerroo Russell Stewart, has had a knee operation and is not expected back for at least another month.

In other games this weekend Olympic should beat Brisbane City, Thistle should be too strong for Lions, North Star could upset Valleys, Acacia Ridge should down Taringa and the improving Sunnyside could force a draw against Ipswich.

STEVE WAS THE LIFE-SAVER

By Steve Burns

In a dramatic 72-hour rescue operation, veteran Soccer administrator Steve Taskovski has saved Queanbeyan Macedonia from oblivion.

Queanbeyan appeared down-and-out when hopelessly below the minimum 45 player rule — so much so that ACT administrators had redrafted the draw for Canberra's city division.

Along came Taskovski and the players seemed to emerge from nowhere.

Many are very young, but the club has met the three-team rule of a first division, Under-23 division and youth league team.

"I resigned from the assistant secretary and publicity officer position I held at Monaro to throw myself wholeheartedly into the effort to save the

SCHEINFLUG NAMES SQUAD FOR MEXICO

by Keith Gilmour

AUSTRALIA'S talented Young Soccerroo squad to travel to Mexico on May 18 for the World Cup finals will be known after tomorrow night's match in Hobart.

The match against Ken Morton's Heidelberg will present one or two players with the last opportunity to impress, although coach Les Scheinflug has the names in ink, or pencilled-in, already.

Competition for places has been particularly keen for the forwards, so much so that neither St George's Robbie Slater nor Adelaide City's Joe Mullen was in the 22 players currently in Tasmania.

It speaks volumes for the youth programs of the Australian Institute of Sport and the leading clubs that there is so much pressure for the front positions.

Scheinflug has tremendous confidence in his players, but he recognises just how hard the first game will be when Australia meets

Mexico in the series opener.

"If we can overcome that one we will have a good run and will be hard to stop," he contends.

It is the first time Australia has reached the final series under its own steam.

In 1931 the Young Soccerroos were there as host nation and not by the elimination process. They did well, but top honours eluded them.

The current first eleven

should win their places in the Cup squad.

That is: Goalkeeper Chris Hummel, backs Ralph Maier, Tom McCulloch Ray Vlietstra, Roy Jones, midfielders Jim Patikas, Russell Stewart, Fabio Incantalupo, forwards Danny Wright, Steve Glockner, Steve Maxwell and Rene Licata.

Joe Rizzotto is a likely choice at left-back. He has had a splendid introduction to the NSL and it would be an exception for him to do the wrong thing.

He is a specialist left-back, whereas most of the players have no trouble in slotting in to at least two or three positions.

S.A. LEAGUE

by TOM MCKAIN

THE leaders in the S.A. Rothmans State League 1st Division look safe this week with top of the table Croatia at home to Port Adelaide and second-placed Birkalla visiting Elizabeth.

Croatia (five points) had a goal feast at home before being held 3-3 by Birkalla (four points) last week, while Elizabeth, now bottom, crashed 5-0 at home to West Adelaide who are seventh on goal difference.

The latter will be tested this week at home to Beograd who are finally coming together and have moved into eighth place.

Last week they went to Polonia (third on goal difference) and held them 1-1 and the previous week 1-1 with Azzurri, Ampol Cup champions and last year's League title holders.

Azzurri had to be content with yet another draw last week, this time from

Parra Hills who went to Adey Reserve and hit the front before Azzurri got the equaliser for another 1-1 score line.

Azzurri are now sixth and Parra fifth.

Campbelltown, fourth on goal difference, are at home to Azzurri this week in the Italian and Eastern District derby.

The Town showed their fighting quality against Port last round when they won 3-2 away from home with 10 men, Mick Webb having been sent off after 20 minutes.

The key match at the top of the table is obviously at Parra Hills where the home side takes on Polonia.



Robbie Slater

Tony Dakos has made a determined late run for selection, as have forwards Steve Glockner and Steve Maxwell.

The team's training camp

will be at Tiluci, 300 metres higher than Mexico City. They will settle in there after playing matches against two Costa Rican first division clubs.

After a ghastly Ampol series where their only glimmer of form was in a draw with NSL side West Adelaide, Parra have bounced back with coach Barry Simpson welding a potentially powerful outfit of youngsters who may yet charge to the top of the table.

Polonia's Dave Jenkins

has not lost a league match since mid-last season, but must be worried about his strike force — four goals one week then only one in the next round.

It will be anyone's game at Campbelltown as the home team tries to beat Azzurri and perhaps displace Polonia in the top three.

TASSIE LEAGUE

by "Van Diemen"

Juventus-Pioneer heads the Tasmanian Cadbury State League on goal difference from Croatia-Glenorchy after two rounds of matches. Both teams are unbeaten.

Last year's champions, Rapid-Wrest Point, lies in sixth place with only a single point to its name. It is early days yet, however, and Rapid was in a similar position last season before climbing through the field to win the title.

Rapid is playing a solid, entertaining brand of football but lacks striking power. Coach, David Crosson, a former English First Division player with Newcastle United, was recently appointed coach of the Hobart XI to play against a visiting South Australian Amateur XI.

University, newcomer to the State League, is finding life tough at the top. The team remains pointless and in last place.

White Eagles has had a disastrous season so far. It didn't win a game in the pre-season Cup and has lost its two league matches. The team has scored only once in five outings.

NORTHERN NSW

Lake Macquarie retained all the players they expected to have this year. In 1982 they won the Northern NSW first division minor premiership.

Kerry Caban, Mike Boogaard, Brett Gemmell, Mark Twohill, Ralph Dixon and David Simpson are amongst their starters this year.

Paul Bernasconi and Steve Bazath, from Dudley-Redhead and Austral United respectively, are good gains.

Wayne Leary and Barry Boslem are again handling the coaching jointly with Jim Tredinnick looking after the under 18 side.

A sad loss as a friend of Soccer was the passing of Col Sullivan, the headmaster who came to Booragul High School in 1957. He allowed the school to enter the Tasman Cup and they won it immediately with Col Whitney as coach and Alan Moore as captain.

In his teaching career he served at Lithgow, Manly, Tamworth, Mullumbimby, Muswellbrook and Booragul High Schools.



Steve Taskovski

club," Taskovski said.

But will the team that last year withdrew from the NSW Southern League continue for long?

"I think so," said Taskovski.

"We have our own ground and although we have a long way to go with its development, we want to build a club and use it.

"We hope it will finally be ready for use before the end of the season. In the meantime, we will use either Marco Polo or Wright Ovals."

Taskovski, in fact, will do more than just administer. He'll also play — in goal — while youngsters like Costa Talevski, once with Canberra City, will lead their strike force. Others include newcomers from Finland and English schoolteachers from Queanbeyan High School.

"I know it is not going to be easy," Taskovski said.

"But if we do fail it won't be for my lack of effort."

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BOBBY ROBSON IS NO STRANGER TO SOCCEROOS

By Tom Anderson

When the England team visit here in June for the three-match series they will not be treading on unknown territory.

England manager Bobby Robson has a good knowledge of Australian Soccer and he isn't all that impressed.

Robson, of course, was in charge of the England "B" team that played here in the Centenary game at the SCG in 1980.

At that time, he was assistant to Ron Greenwood who also came with the touring party in a public relations role.

The result in that game

was 2-1 for England and the Socceroos, under the direction of Rudi Gutendorf, came out of the skirmish with a great deal of credit — though not a win.

Now with the English tour not far off, it is interesting to look back on the 1980 game and recall the after match analysis of the action.

Who knows, it may be of some use to stand in coach Frank Arok in his

bid to stop the tourists.

First, let us look at Robson's after — match comments.

"You surprised us a little especially in the opening 10 minutes of the game," said Robson.

"Also, during a spell in the second half when Australia applied quite a bit of pressure.

"They kept us pinned in our own half for a while, and we had to give ourselves a shake to wake

ourselves up.

"However as far as clear-out chances are concerned, you didn't really worry us."

Which is fair comment, and probably accurate, although the England goalkeeper of the night Joe Corrigan wasn't exactly allowed to get cold!

Recalling the opening minutes of the Centenary game, big Gary Cole had a magnificent chance to put the Socceroos ahead, but the big fellow fluffed it.

Maybe if Cole had taken that chance the history book would have looked different today.

However, the real lesson that should have been learned after that match was the lack of pace of our full-backs — they didn't have the speed to overlap and then get back to defend.

This allowed the English team too much latitude when they hit back on the counter-attack.

But the worst fault of the Australian perform-



Paul Mariner

ance — was the inability to get behind the England defence and turn the ball towards goal.

Most of the play was in

front of the English defence. Easy pickings for the touring professionals.

This time coach Arok will have to instruct his strikers to try and get behind the defence.

Somewhat he must also include a player or two with the ability to take the ball up to an opposition defender and take him on.

Believe me, easier said than done.

Apart from Glenn Hoddle and Bryan Robson in midfield, the player who gave the Socceroos the biggest headache was giant striker Paul Mariner.

Mariner dominated in the air and showed great skills on the ground.

There is no doubt whatsoever Robson will include another giant target man in June and that's another problem for Arok to contend with.

Australia's best man that night was speedster Peter Sharpe. Marshall Soper has the ability to take over Sharpe's role in June.

The popular comment after the Centenary game was that although our players put up a gallant performance as part-timers, they were no match for the polished full-time and battle hardened English professionals.

Mind you we all realised before the match that as a part time soccer

nation we were up against it.

At that time, present NSL chairman Sam Papisavas and vice-chairman Tony Labbozetta were the presidents of leading clubs South Melbourne and Marconi respectively.

Both men are also down on record as saying — "the movement towards full-time Soccer has begun. South Melbourne and Marconi are leading the way in this monumental happening."

That was two years ago. Unfortunately times changed and we are now probably further away from becoming a full-time Soccer nation than ever before.

So the answer against England?

Somewhat coach Frank Arok will have to get his part-time players to full-time fitness in the weeks ahead.

We have a chance as England manager Bobby Robson doesn't rate us all that highly and the Englishmen could have a "holiday atmosphere" about their play.

In my opinion, Australia's biggest chance of actually winning a match will be in the first game at the SCG.

After this game, anything can happen and most probably will.

The outcome should prove very interesting.



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PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

Alan Davidson

By JOHN ECONOMOS

One of Australia's most talented and skilful ball players is South Melbourne's attacking left-back or midfielder Alan Davidson.

Davidson, 22, is a perfect example of a dedicated young professional. Sheer determination and tenacity won him a place in one of Australia's top clubs and selection in the national team.

I visited the Australian training camp recently, where the Socceroos were preparing for the coming internationals against England, and spoke at length with Davidson about the past, present and future.

Alan was born in Williamstown, Melbourne on June 1, 1960 and began his career with Altona City.

As a youngster he spent hours practicing his ball skills — and still does.

He was so eager to break into big-time Soccer that from the age of 17 he began approaching clubs to give him a chance.

This factor highlights our poor talent scouting set-up. He

was left to go searching for recognition on his own.

Yet, Davidson's will to succeed overcame that obstacle.

I fired some questions at Alan to enlighten our readers a little more on him.

Davidson told us:

"I have no favourite position on the field. I love to play anywhere."

At the end of the 1978 season South Melbourne half-heartedly gambled on the youngster when the then manager-coach, Dave McLaren decided to give Alan a run.

It's history now that Davidson proved himself and has been a regular first grader with the club since.

Who are some of the best coaches Davidson has had?

"Lenny McKendry, who handled the Victorian State squad. Also John Margaritis at South Melbourne. To some ex-



Alan Davidson

tent Rudi Gutendorf because he was the one that made me realise what discipline was all about and how vitally important it is for a football team.

Was there any other influence in Alan's career?

"Yes, of course. My parents

were very important and to a great degree they still are. Another was Ian Hynds who had me in the junior ranks."

Which club does Alan think will crack the NSL championship this year?

"South Melbourne will give it a good shake, even though we have had some poor results recently. Sydney City and St George will be challenging and Sydney Olympic could also prove a threat."

Who does Alan rate highly as a player in the NSL?

"Peter Katholos — and not because he is my friend. Peter's ability on the ball is superb. He is marvellous with his skills, has good vision, is an excellent passer of the ball and his great character for Soccer. His dedication is superb."

I also have great respect for Gary Byrne and Steve Blair. They are top players."

I swung the talk across to the coming England Test series.

"I am highly excited about England coming here. It will be sensational for all of us and we must capitalise by achieving good results."

"For the players it is prestigious to play against England. It is a major event as English Soccer has always grabbed plenty of attention in Australia."

"By having the opportunity to face such talented players it gives us the chance to rate ourselves against them."

What does Alan look for in a good coach?

"A man that is well organised and can teach players individually as well as collectively. To spot players' weaknesses and work on them. To be able to create a happy and warm atmosphere within the squad."

"He should be able to instil into the players the spirit to fight and work for one another."

Who are some of Alan's favourite world players?

"Pele definitely was and currently Italy's Conti."

What are some of the wrongs in Australian Soccer?

"Well I don't know about the wrongs so much as I do about my personal hates."

"My pet hates are injuries. Another is travelling, especially in the NSL. It is boring catching buses, planes, waiting around airports, hotel lobbies."

Away-games are murder."

I asked if he had some words of wisdom for our junior Soccer players.

"Juniors just don't realise what Soccer has to offer."

"There is the opportunity to see the world, make money and gain personal prestige and status."

At first it seems to be all fun to them."

But, in later vital years — say 15 to 18 where this is the period for them to break through — girls, other sports and distractions prove to be hurdles that many young players stumble on and they eventually drop out of Soccer."

"This is tragic and the losses can be enormous to them."

"Young players must know as early as possible just what they want."

"Before the ages of 15 or 16 all juniors should concentrate on their skills only: trapping, dribbling, juggling, shooting."

"In those tender years, I practised constantly on my skills and because I was little they carried me through against the big guys."

I asked Alan what was his most memorable match?

"It was against Paraguay with the Australian Youth team back in 1979. We played in front of a huge crowd of 90,000 at the Anzac Stadium. What an experience."

"Our coach Rudi Gutendorf gave me Romero to mark. He

now plays with the New York Cosmos. Although we lost 2-0 it was a fabulous experience."

Who was the best player Alan has played against?

"This one is easy. Paulo Cascar from the Brazilian club, Flamengo. He was murder."

"Gutendorf arranged a friendly training match for the Youth team in 1979 against Flamengo and Rudi was the referee."

Although it was a training match we took it very seriously. At one stage, with the score 0-0 Gutendorf awarded the Brazilians a free-kick from about 25 metres out."

"Our goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse carefully directed the defensive wall and Cascar moved in and cracked his shot like a rocket into the top left hand corner of the net."

"Gutendorf went off his brain and blasted us for putting up a bad wall. He stopped the game and had the free-kick taken again but this time Gutendorf said he would show us how to put up the wall."

"Well he did. He set it up to his liking, stepped back well-satisfied with his architecture and whistled for Cascar to go ahead with his second free-kick."

"The Brazilian disinterestedly moved in and smashed a vicious, swerving blaster over the top of the wall, straight into the top left-hand corner of the net again. It was sheer magic really."

Next time South Melbourne plays, our young readers are strongly advised to watch carefully for Alan and see for themselves what a top, skilful player looks like."

In June, Davidson will be one of the automatic selections to play against England in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne."

See how he handles himself against the full-time professionals of England."

West-Nally's TV offer

WEST-NALLY, the international sports consultants who have moved into Australian Soccer in a big way, hope to take a large slice of the action in England.

The Football League has had an offer of \$16,000,000 from West-Nally to handle overseas sales of TV Soccer and is giving the offer consideration.

Patrick Nally, the company's managing director, flew to London from his New York office and, on arrival, commented: "The logical step for the Football League would be to market its games through us."

Trouble is, BBC and ITV now market overseas sales jointly under the banner of Thames International. Would they hand over this concession to West-Nally?

There has been constant squabbling over TV Soccer for the past six months or more, but on Thursday this week everything should be sorted out.

That's when the 92 clubs in the Football League hold an extraordinary meeting to make their final decision on the TV row.

At that meeting, the vexed question of shirt advertising should also be answered. BBC and ITV flatly refuse to screen matches in which players wear sponsors' names on their jerseys. This is costing clubs millions of dollars in lost sponsorship.

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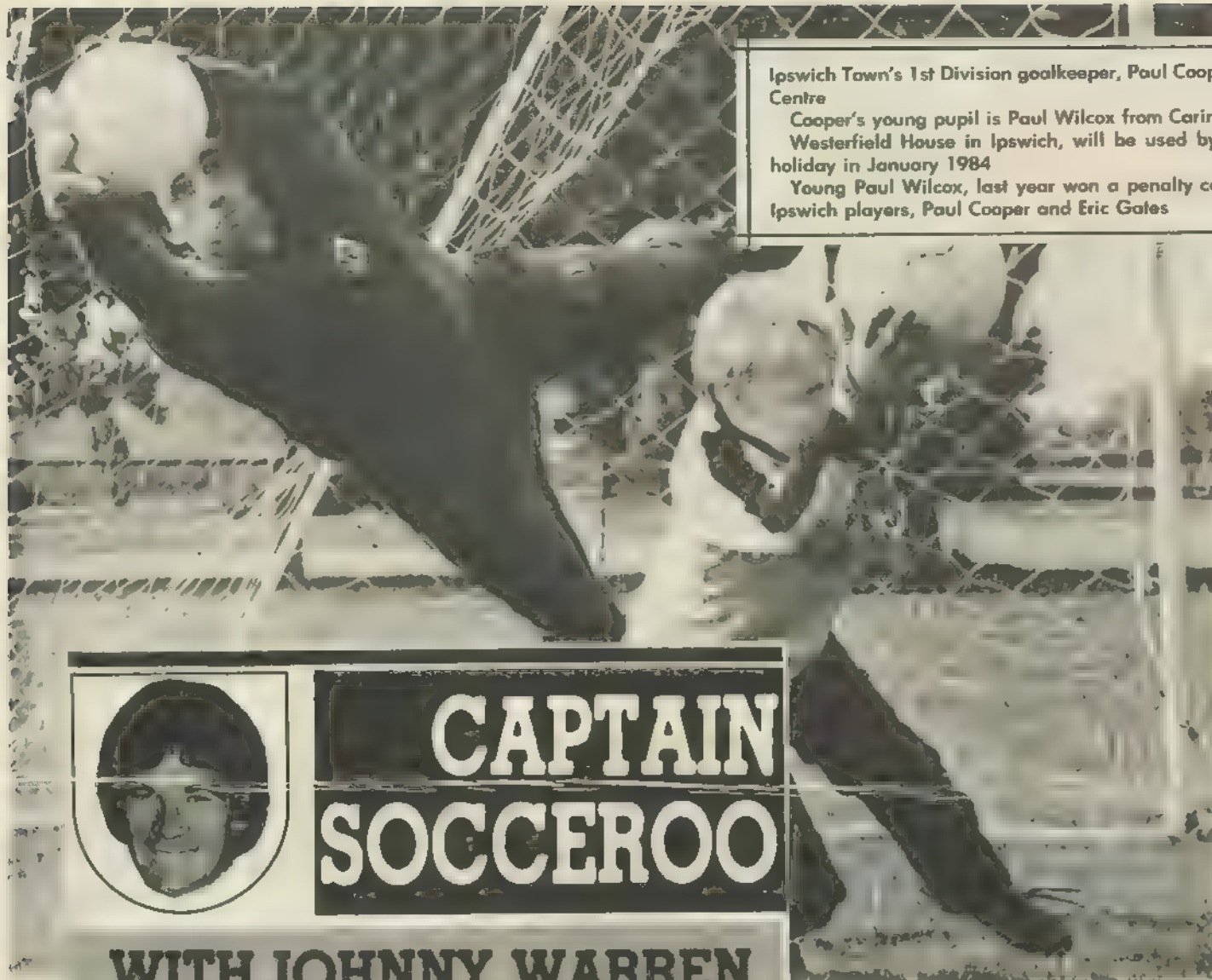
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Ipswich Town's 1st Division goalkeeper, Paul Cooper, in action at the Westerfield National Goalkeeper Centre

Cooper's young pupil is Paul Wilcox from Caringbah, who obviously is learning well. Westerfield House in Ipswich, will be used by boys on Stephens Sport Travel U.K. Youth Soccer holiday in January 1984.

Young Paul Wilcox, last year won a penalty contest, and was presented with a special plaque by Ipswich players, Paul Cooper and Eric Gates.



CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

SIX-YEAR SLOG PAYS CANT A DIVIDEND

WHEN I picked up the young, jet-lagged Scotsman from Canberra Airport back in 1977 little did either of us know that six years later he would become a Socceroo.

At that time Jimmy Cant, latest recruit for the new Canberra City club, didn't know what a kangaroo was let alone a Socceroo.

Yet with the vital three internationals against England only weeks away, Cant's name is being spoken of as one of the key players in Australia's line-up.

Cant is not a headline grabbing player and his selection came as a surprise to many.

He is a players' and coaches' player — the type who does his job for the TEAM, effectively and without fuss week in week out.

You'll find his fellow players and club coach amongst his greatest admirers.

Obviously Cant's simple direct and effective style of play was not missed by national team selectors Les Scheinflug, Frank Arok and Andrew Lederer.

Arok sees "his faultless covering, reliable reading, simple distribution and excellent defensive qualities" as the reasons for Cant's selection.

No doubt former Sydney Slickers supremo Andrew Lederer, now national team manager, spoke highly of Cant when the various Socceroo candidates were being evaluated.

Cant was one of Lederer's unsung heroes in Slickers successful cham-

pionship-winning sides in 1981 and 1982.

Before coming to Australia in 1977, Cant had chalked up over 120 first team games with Hearts in the Scottish Premier League.

His earlier football was with the Crossroads Boys

Club in Edinburgh where he was spotted by Hearts scout Don Crawford.

Cant thrived successfully with Hearts, ironically replacing his current Slickers coach Eddie Thomson in Hearts first team following Thomson's transfer to Aberdeen.

Although having played for Sydney clubs for the past four seasons, Cant still lives in the national capital where he works as a computer operator for the Department of Aviation.

Since playing for Sydney clubs, Cant has enjoyed considerable success — a PSL Cup win with Marconi in 1980 and successive championship wins with Slickers in 1981 and 1982.

One hopes his success rate continues with the Socceroos in the England internationals next month.



Jimmy Cant ... attempts to bring the ball under control.



TOP PROSPECT IN CUP

Colyton High School have already made their mark in the popular Commonwealth Bank Cup.

In only two games the side has amassed an incredible 1.5 goals. The side handsomely won their second round match against Kingswood 5-1.

Goalscorers were Brown, Goldsworthy, Huggett, Steltenpool 2.

Steltenpool is a promising youngster now showing his wares with State League side, Polonia.

Another promising player is goalkeeper Paul Chester. He is currently the NSW State U/13, goalkeeper. All the more reason why Colyton are a fancied side in the metropolitan west area.

Mt Druitt High School have no shortage of talented players. Paul Benitez, who played for Polonia last year, is a skilful midfield player and a big effort is tipped from him in the coming games.

The highlight of the second round will be the game between Springwood and St Mary's.

Both sides are heavily tipped to succeed in the competition.

Latest results: Hunter Region results — Kotara 4, Glendale 1; Newcastle 3, Broadmeadow 0; Francis Greenway 2, Gateshead 0. Springwood 2, Shalvey 1; Blacktown 5, Cambridge Park 1; Colyton 5, Kingswood 1.



Eddie Thomson ... in his playing days with the Slickers. He was also at Hearts.



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chit chat

Tasmania, for too long Australia's Soccer outpost, was most anxious to see the Youth Socceroo squad in action — hence this week's four-day camp in the apple isle.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian Emery said: "The people in Tassie complained that they never had the chance to see the successful 1981 Youth team in action and they wanted to have a look at the present squad."

"The difference in cost between having the camp in Sydney or in Tasmania will be covered by our Tasmanian hosts — so the ASF isn't out of pocket on the deal."

Tomorrow night the Youth Socceroos play Heidelberg in Hobart.

When England play Australia three times next month, the touring party will be accompanied by several media men — in fact 12 have their fingers crossed that they'll make the trip.

That's a better representation than we saw for the Centenary international. Not one newspaper bothered to send a reporter.

If Heidelberg United's goalkeeper Jeff Oliver



Jeff Oliver.

suffers any form lapse, the Melbourne club has an outstanding youngster eager to take over.

His name is Spiro Karamitsis. He's only 17 and he's well over 6ft.

Heidelberg have three or four other kids in that age group who show promise of getting right to the top.

Leichhardt might be tempted to move to Englefield Stadium at Dural while Lambert Park is out of action. Excellent facilities at the ground — and a large Italian population in the district — could

dramatically improve the team's disappointing match attendances.

Talented Canberra Arrows' 20-year-old Angelo Ambrosino is soon to return from Italy where he trialled with a third division



Angelo Ambrosino.

club. The return will come in the Italian close season but is a great filip for Canberra.

Ambrosino last year looked one of the better 20-year-old prospects in Australian Soccer — although some queried his application and dedication.

Tommy Docherty was almost stuck for an answer during some verbal banter after the Sydney Olympic win over Adelaide City when he accused City of hacking his players.

"Why has an Italian referee got to handle the game?" he demanded, referring to SA's Jim Rossis. "He's not Italian," he replied a home fan, he's Greek."

The Doc smiled and said "There you are, that's worse!"

The alarm bells are sounding in Canberra Soccer because of the lack of referees.

At the season's dawn everything looked rosy when 60 or so enrolled for the Referees' Association's pre-season refereeing courses. Most stuck to their guns and completed the study... but then dumbfounded officials when most didn't put their new-found skill to practical use.

Only about a dozen have actually taken up blowing the whistle.

Now the new skill is diplomacy as officials try to get more on the park.

Referees at the Adelaide City NSL games are not impressed with their dressing rooms.

The rooms are immaculate — but the showers are cold!

They have to share with the home team, and that is

not always the best particularly if the match has been close.

More cash for Adelaide City, already with more than \$250,000 lined up for three years.

Latest sponsor is Lensworth Finance, with another \$5,000 for the club's junior set-up.

Joe Mullen, Adelaide City's Youth squad striker, is getting closer to the form national coach Les Scheinflug demanded from him after he started the comeback trail following an ankle injury.

The youngster is confident again after a hesitant start.

He has four goals on the board after a late start.

If you are wondering what happened to former Socceroo and Marconi defender Ivo Prskalo...

Well, Ivo is fit and well and has turned his hand to coaching the Italian backed Calabria all age team, which competes in the third division competition in the Southern Districts Association.

Calabria won their first two matches, but were beaten 2-1 on the weekend by the talented Brothers Sports club team.

Coincidentally, Calabria are managed by Dom Labbozzetta. Dom is a brother of Tony, who is vice-chairman of the National Soccer League and Frank, who is a committeeman at Marconi.

Litanies of NSL club injuries are commonplace — but Canberra Arrows read more than most like an anatomical disaster. It includes crook knees, ankles, ligaments, backs, thighs and hamstrings. The crows? Duncan Cole, Paul Ontong, George Christopoulos, Tony Brennan, Frank Farina and Ian Stone. Happily, however, Farina and Ontong are back in full training — and Duncan Cole is also expected to make fairly rapid recovery.

Just when it looked as if George Koulianos was about to burst back into the West Adelaide NSL side, he is not available.

The ball playing forward



Alan Vest.

is off to Greece next month on holiday. Koulianos has been on coach Alan Vest's "probable" list for the last four weeks.

Adelaide City players have three new cash awards to fight for this season.

Top cash is \$750 for the Best and Fairest player voted for by the referee at home and away games.

Coach Bobby Ferguson votes on a 3, 2, 1 basis for a \$500 award, and a panel of journalists decide the \$250 award for the Best Under 21 player.

WOMEN IN SOCCER

COOKIE drives, games evenings and just about every type of money-wringing activity thought of — and then a few more — will be on the agenda of most women's Associations throughout Australia about now.

State Associations are frantically organising functions to get their State players to Perth for the National Championships which commence on August 24, just 14 weeks away.

It is just as well that the Australian Championships are held in Western Australia only every 10 years or so as the constant strain on the financial purse would certainly deter even the most devoted follower of the sport.

I did a rough calculation recently on the amount that would be needed to take a team from the east coast to Perth for the 14 days that the contest will be held.

Although it will not surprise anyone connected with interstate competition, the average person, will be surprised and possibly even shocked to find out how much financial sacrifice dedicated amateur sportswomen need to represent their State.

It has been found over the years, that it is necessary to take no fewer than 16 in an interstate squad for the State side to perform with any reasonable degree of success.

Although these girls are the top players in their State, extremely fit and lithe on the field, the strain of having to play a hard game of football, every day and sometimes twice a day, tends to tell on their ability and wellbeing.

long before the Championships end.

As an example, New South Wales, by tradition a team in which fitness is mandatory before members board the plane for anywhere, took 18 players to Brisbane last year yet at one stage they were down to nine perfectly fit players with all others carrying some sort of injury that in ordinary circumstances would prevent their playing.

Most coaches from interstate representative women's Soccer sides would agree that it would be folly to travel with fewer than 18 yet this is dictated by finance available to the State Association.

It is a sorry fact in Australia that the devoted amateur sportsperson, has to be dedicated almost to the point of financial degradation to represent a State and indeed, Australia.

Fitness is mandatory

For years NSW was fortunate in being able to have a well-known sporting manufacturer supply the strip for the girls in their interstate quest.

Last year the bubble was close to bursting when this same firm provided the gear at little more than cost. But with the economic climate becoming too hot for such extravagance in 1983, the clothing spring has dried up completely.

The Waratah State will now be on the same footing at every other Soccer-playing State, and will have to spend

a considerable amount to dress the girls so that they will appear in correct colours when representing their State.

With the fare to Perth approaching \$500 for the return trip, less any group discount, the average team from eastern states will be up for \$10,000 before they even leave the airport.

Putting accommodation on top of that for 14 days, one can add at least another \$6,000 to the ever-increasing bill.

Travel expenses to and from the team's motel will take at least \$1,000 and the team is not yet on the park!

Most motels these days are bed and breakfast only and as all team coaches insist on their teams being well fed to start the day, you can bet the average morning meal of cereal, toast and coffee will

be of little use and food will add to the growing total expense. With an average strip costing over \$20 per person for shirt, shorts and socks, the State teams are looking to at least \$400 with spare socks and shorts.

Unless some girl has an uncle or relative in the trade, sponsorship is a thing that is thought of, wished for and dismissed as an impossibility.

In some cases, State governments have helped out with a small sporting grant but even this, small and

gratefully received as it may be, is minute in comparison with the total amount

In a quick break-down around Australia, the following facts emerged. In NSW, the four officials travelling with the team are paid for by the NSW Women's Soccer Federation.

Similarly in Victoria, the administrative party of five is also paid for by the State. In northern NSW, the government grant was evenly divided amongst the girls, manager and coach.

In Queensland, everyone in their Association is placed on a levy to assist the State players.

In all cases however, the most money needed to get the girls to Championships is raised by themselves.

With State Championships held in June each year in at least four States and selection trials held in other locations, girls with outstanding ability will be waiting to hear of their selection.

Mixed feelings must surely be theirs as they are elated with selection and at the same time, faced with the reality that in most cases, they will have to raise over \$500 for the privilege of becoming a State sportswoman.

READER'S FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY 261 Broadway, NEW YORK.

As the opening game of the World Youth Cup approaches, in which Australia are drawn to play the host nation Mexico, I am disturbed that no television network in Australia has made any announcement regarding possible screening of the games in which the Young Socceroos will participate, or indeed other matches in this prestigious tournament.

I find it incredible that the Channel 9 network can consider it economically feasible to televise an F.A. Cup semi-final live (only a semi-final, mind you, not even the final) and yet that ~~network~~ has probably not realised or considered that screening the opening ceremony and the opening game of the Youth Tournament, in which our team is participating, would undoubtedly draw a greater viewing audience here in Australia.

This game will automatically be televised live to a great number of countries throughout the world, but at the moment it appears that one of the two countries actually playing in it will not be amongst them!

In the light of this, I urge the Australian Soccer Federation, the Australian Soccer Weekly and its readers to write to the various television networks throughout the country and ask them to consider screening at least the games in which Australia participates, and the Final, live via satellite. Remind them of the uphill task that the Young Socceroos faced in reaching the finals, and the honour of not only appearing in the series, but actually playing in the opening game.

• Point out that this tournament is the 3rd biggest sporting event in the world, following the Olympic Games and the World Cup.

• Emphasise that there are many Soccer lovers, as well as many others that do not ordinarily follow Soccer but who will support any event just to see Australia compete and perform well.

• Suggest to them that their decision to televise such matches will be rewarded in their ratings.

• Do not forget to thank them in writing when they do decide to present the games.

We may never appear as a nation in an opening game in a major Soccer tournament again. It would be a crying shame for Australian Soccer supporters to be denied one of their teams' finest hours, reduced to only a few second-rate delayed highlights!

— M Bowman

I would like to thank you for giving the State League a fairly good write-up in your paper every week.

I support Croatia-Sydney (who are presently in Indonesia representing Australia in the celebration of their 25th Anniversary of their Independence) and would like to let you know that there are a lot of their supporters waiting to hear how they did whilst over there.

I hope that we are going to get a chance to read about it in your next issue.

SOCCER SUPPORTER,
Georges Hall 2198

I am writing in relation to the poor standard of refereeing in this country.

In every game of Soccer, you will find that the referee is continuing to blow his whistle, usually over trivial incidents.

Why don't referees play THE ADVANTAGE RULE? as in many overseas countries?

They stifle the game instead of letting it flow freely. I have been following Soccer for 40-odd years, 25 of those in the UK, so I know what I am talking about. Maybe we should be importing referees, not players.

It is imperative that the standard of refereeing must improve, for the sake of good Soccer in Australia.

Keep up the good work, ASW

Ron Taylor
Belmont North

Scots are confident

THEY SAY THEY CAN BEAT THE YOUNG SOCCEROOS

SCOTLAND'S achievement in winning the European Youth Championship has convinced coach Andy Roxburgh his side is capable of winning the qualifying group matches and having a big tilt at the World Youth Cup in Mexico in June.

Writing in the British soccer magazine "Shoot", Roxburgh said topping the European group was the highlight of his career but he has now set his sights higher for Mexico.

"The lads who won the Euro Championship in Finland made me glow with pride.

"We went to the country hoping to battle our way out of our section against Holland, Turkey, and Albania but Clyde's Pat Nevin was out of this world and the others were just inches short of that.

"As soon as we did that I knew we could win it and Poland and Czechoslovakia fell in the semi and final.

"Now we must do the same to Australia, South Korea and hosts Mexico in our qualifying section of the World finals in June and I honestly believe we can," Roxburgh wrote.

By Peter Desira

The Scottish coach says he has three world class players and several more at international level to "do exceptionally well" in the finals.

The trio he refers to are Paul McStay of Celtic and Aberdeen's Neale Cooper and Eric Black.

"The young Celt and the Dons pair are world class at that level and any side who lay claim to ambitions to become champions of the world must have that quality in abundance.

"If we can adapt to the conditions - the rarified atmosphere which England found such a problem in the 1970 World Cup - then we might eclipse even that glory in Helsinki," Roxburgh said.

Scotland is the Young Socceroos' second opponent in group A from which two countries will qualify for the quarter finals.

A lot will depend on the early results but the Socceroos will probably need at least a draw against the Scots to emulate their achievement in the 1981 World Youth Cup when

they made it to the quarter finals.

And national coach Les Scheinflug is well aware of Scotland's potential.

"I was in Helsinki when they won the European championship.

"They are a great side but football is a funny game and we can play a little bit ourselves," he said this week.

Well done Mr Zoumas

Congratulations to Victorian referee Sam Zoumas, for his impressive debut in the National League, at Olympic Village, last Sunday.

Zoumas asserted his authority from the beginning and kept the game under tight control throughout.

He could have done better, had his Association informed the public about their instructions to referees not to interrupt the game every time a player hits the deck, unless they suspect a serious injury. — Con Nikolopoulos.



IT'S a fine header!

Ian McKie, of Heidelberg United, heads the ball to the feet of Don McLeod as Sydney City's and Australia's sharpshooter John Kosmina goes sprawling.

This is just one of the highlights from a National League match at Olympic Village, Heidelberg, captured by Australian Soccer Weekly's ace photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

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Preston ask for help

By Fred Villiers

A former president of Preston Makedonia, Peter Daniels, has asked the Victorian Macedonian community to rally to their National League club.

He says the club urgently needs their support and also the support of the Preston City Council.

He said this week the Preston Council and their councillors were doing a good job for Soccer but he expected more from them as far as their ground in Redford Road Reservoir, was concerned.

"Soccer has improved so much in Australia," he said.

"The Council should do more to improve our ground.

"Since joining the NSL, and under the strong presidency of John Branov, the club has been run on professional lines and has achieved much success on the field.

"Now is the time to give Mr Branov the help he

needs so that we can win the championship.

"Things we should do hopefully with the help of the Council are to cover our ground for a capacity of not less than 3,000 people.

"We should put our Press box in its proper place. We should erect turnstiles and we should improve packing facilities as well as providing better parking facilities for our sponsors.

"I am confident if our former committee men return to the club, men like Mrsrs B. Trajanovski, S. Dimirov, T. Krlevski and S. Mojanov, Mr Branov will complete his 10 years as our successful president.

"We should call all our worthy Macedonians to assist financially towards each and every project. I'm sure they will as they've never refused so far when their help was needed," said Mr Daniels who saw the rebirth of the Preston Makedonia club in 1957 when he was president himself.

South resent spender label

South Melbourne's costly revamp, has earned them the label of the "big spenders" of the National League.

Their investment of 60,000 dollars on four players, Bobby Russell, Oscar Crino, Kenny Murphy, and John Yzendoorn, has attracted a lot of criti-

cism, particularly in view of the recent poor performances of the side.

Club president Leo Anezakis, however, resents the label of the 'millionaire' club, arguing that "people should learn to differentiate between big spending and wise spending".

By Con Nikolopoulos

"We invested money on young players renowned for their ability and potential" affirms Anezakis.

"People may think that, in the present depressed state of the market 60,000 dollars is a tremendous amount of money to invest. In business, however, profitable, long term investments, never cease to be attractive."

Anezakis agreed to disclose the exact amounts of money South Melbourne has paid for the acquisition of the four players.

"Here is the list of our investments" he says.

• Oscar Crino, 10,000 dollars
• Ken Murphy, 20,000 dollars

• Bobby Russell, 15,000 dollars

• John Yzendoorn, 15,000, and 60 per cent of the takings from a friendly game against Heidelberg, to be played immediately after the conclusion of the championship at Olympic Village.

According to Anezakis, the arrival of these players at Middle Park, together with Doug Brown from Preston, has enabled South Melbourne to release eleven players, considered unqualified for the National League.

"This massive release of players earned the club in excess of 40,000 dollars, in transfer fees and contract commitments. It is obvious, therefore, that we recruited five star players at the cost of one."

The players released by South Melbourne are:

Allan Evans, (Morwell Falcons), John Stevenson (George Cross), Gerry Bennett (George Cross), George Hannah (Croatia), Danny Davidson (Frankston Pines), Tom Patsakos (Caulfield City), Bill Jordanou (Mordialloc), John Wilson (Frankston Pines), George Campbell (Preston), Billy Rogers (Juventus), and Eddie Gray (Albion Rovers).

Some of the players listed were members of the National League team, others had been tried unsuccessfully from time to time, and the remainder were purchased or imported as possible contenders for a position in the National League team.



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Cumming's suffering — Gardiner

By Peter Desira

TOMMY CUMMING is averaging a goal a game in the State League and on paper appears to have suffered little by the enforced two year layoff through injury.

But is that really the case and is the wee man playing well enough to warrant the calls for his re-inclusion in the National squad?

John Gardiner, Tommy's coach at Melbourne Croatia, feels a call-up to a Socceroo training camp would be a big boost for the striker but says that Cumming has far from shrugged off completely the groin complaint which has dogged him for two seasons.

"I'm sure he is still feeling the effects of the injury. He'll never complain but it has been obvious he is suffering especially after a hard game," Gardiner said.

"The pain is there but obviously not to the extent that it will stop him playing."

"His level of fitness is nowhere near what it was say three years ago."

"He trails behind at some training sessions but you can see the determination in him to keep up there with them."

Croatia's other striker Ossi Latif has also been hitting goals regularly and kept pace with Cumming in the opening six rounds of the League.

But while the club has the highest scoring side in the League, Gardiner is far from happy with the finishing by the strikers.

"I am still not satisfied with the way the team is playing."

"There are areas which can be improved - our finishing is diabolical for example but slowly it will come."

Gardiner has been after a big man since the start of the season to give the attack some aerial power.

After failing to sway Graham French from Juventus and Alex Marshall from Polonia the coach settled for Richie McClunie from Morwell Falcons but the striker has yet to make his debut at senior level.

"Richie has had two games in the Reserves and scored three goals but he came to us unfit and still not fully over a back injury."

"We are working on his fitness and a few other things for him to fit into our style of play."

"And on top of that you cannot really change a winning team."

"David Brogan similarly will not walk back into the side either but he has trained solidly while serving a three week suspension and his attitude has been tremendous."

Croatia played its first home game of the season against Juventus on Sunday because Olympic Park's No.1 ground has been unavailable up till now.

But playing away doesn't appear to matter that much in the State League as the club was still unbeaten and heading the table after six rounds.

Gardiner disagrees. "On some grounds it makes a big difference. A number of grounds are impossible to play on and difficult to come away with a win."

"The better grounds and smoother surfaces suit us and that is why we did not accept to play on Olympic Park No.2 even though it was available - that ground does not have a good surface and we would have lost the home ground advantage," Gardiner said.

Who is next for a dance? That's what they could have been saying at Olympic Village, Heidelberg. But it's Willie Murray (right) of Sydney City trying to evade Theo Selemidis (Heidelberg United) while Jimmy Cant (left) makes a supporting run.

Photo by Australian Soccer Weekly photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

ON THE BOTTOM — NO REGRETS

By Peter Desira

Life at the bottom of the National League is turning into a nightmare for Bobby McLachlan but the tenacious Scot flatly refuses the suggestion that it was a mistake to leave Green Gully at the end of last season.

"I would never swap the three years I had at Green Gully. They were three wonderful seasons but I was the one who chose to leave - and in today's coaching situations that is a novelty - and put in the same situation again I still wouldn't change the decision I made," McLachlan said this week.

Under McLachlan, Gully emerged from the also rans to take the State League by storm and in the past two seasons won all the major honours in Victorian Soccer.

He felt he had nothing left to achieve at the club unless it was admitted into the National League and he vacated the position - despite attempts by the committee to sway him from leaving - to take over the mammoth task of rebuilding Footscray.

The job has turned out to be much harder than anticipated and after losing five out of the opening

seven matches - three of them by margins of three goals or more - he was booed and jeered by the supporters and was given a precautionary police escort from the dressing rooms after losing 0-4 at home to Marconi.

But McLachlan has no regrets.

"It's good to go back to reality and see how the other half lives. It sharpens you up a bit."

"From a coaching point of view it doesn't do you any harm to find yourself struggling and having to work extra hard and graft."

"I'm right down in the grubber now but it's a long way to go."

"I've never been one to make excuses but I've said all along there are so many flaws and weaknesses in the side and it's not as if we've been going into games with the team I want."

"I've had to permute and try things simply because the players aren't there. The boys are excellent characters and they work their guts out at training but there is no running away from the fact that some are not good enough for this standard of Soccer."

"I refuse to sign cast-offs and the problem is there are no quality players to buy. We've exhausted every avenue interstate but we'll just need to keep battling until the players become available."

McLachlan is philosophical about the treatment he got from the supporters.

He says this has happened to Brian Clough, Malcolm Allison and so many other 'big names' so he too must learn to take it.

Club duties first: Rale



Rale Rasic is adamant, that none of the four South Melbourne players in Arok's squad for the games against England, will be given a break from club duties.

"Club duties are the first priority of my players," says Rasic.

"As far as I am concerned they are contracted to South Melbourne and are getting paid by South Melbourne."

"It is in their interest, therefore, to regard club duties as their first priority."

"Players earn their living by building their name at club level."

Rasic was commenting on the news that Marconi coach Doug Collins has offered to give his internationals a break during the build-up to the games against England - Con Nikolopoulos.

State League teams vie for National League

By Con Nikolopoulos

Victorian Soccer Federation faces the grim prospect of losing its strongest clubs to the National League, if the Council of Clubs approves the proposal for regionalisation, during Saturday's meeting, in Sydney.

According to reliable sources, six of Victoria's most reputable clubs have attended lengthy meetings with leading officials of the League and have lodged applications for their inclusion in the Southern League.

League President, Sam Papasavas, declined to comment on the matter, suggesting "we should be patient, until the mat-

ter is discussed at State level".

Meantime, the four Victorian clubs, members of the National League, met in Melbourne last Wednesday, to draft their proposals to the Council meeting.

Among the matters discussed were, the introduction of promotion and relegation next year, the possibility of increasing the number of the participants in the National League, as an alternative to regionalisation, and the formation of the Southern League.

South want neutral Refs.

South Melbourne have requested the appointment of neutral referees, for their games in Brisbane and New South Wales.

Their action was prompted by the dismissal from the field of Arthur Xanthopoulos, against Brisbane City, for rough play.

South are the second member of the National League requesting the appointment of neutral referees.

Sydney City were successful with their bid, last year, and have, since, used neutral officials. — Con Nikolopoulos.

GARY JOINS ASW

Gary Cutler, a former Albion defender who came to Australia 12 months ago from Wolverhampton reserves, has joined the Australian Soccer Weekly as Melbourne advertising manager.

Gary, who expects to join Morwell Falcons this week, has had experience in advertising in the UK.



He can be contacted on 329 8944, at 220 Stanley Street, West Melbourne. After hours 363 6726.



Albion Rovers' Dean Hennessey beats Sunshine George Cross striker Carl Gilder in a Victorian State League match, at Selwyn Park.



A penalty kick placement by Stuart Coutts. The shot was taken at Lockwood Park Chullora, just across the road from Stuart's home. Last year, he captained the Bankstown representative squad, the runners-up in their grade competition. Stuart hopes to be touring in England in January 1984, when his present club Auburn's hopes of an overseas learning tour will come to fruition.



△ △
John Hunt making the presentation to the winners of the John Hunt Old Buffers (over 35) Cup. His gear is part of the Wolves outfit of the Chullora Wolves Soccer club. John was secretary of the club for 13 years.



Marching off! No, it wasn't the result of the referee's orders. Here Stuart Coutts leaves the field after a game against an Illawarra representative side at Wollongong. Stuart captained the Chullora Wolves to two NSW Champion of champions successes.

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PHIL HARE ON JOB

PHIL HARE is on the job again. Formerly convenor of the CHS Sports Association Soccer committee, he is helping John Moscovis with the organisation of the 1983 Bill Turner Cup for under 15 High School teams.

Phil played Soccer for Macquarie University and Ku-Ring-Gai Association team St Ives.

A science teacher at Muirfield High School at North Rocks in Sydney, he made a name for himself as coach at St Ives High School.

Teams he coached won three premierships and finished runners-up twice in just six years. In 1978, St Ives won the Manly Seaside Cup.

TURNER CUP GOES WEST

THE under 15 Bill Turner Cup brought a great response in Western NSW.

A dozen entries came in and that is an encouraging feature for the future of the Cup.

Alan Groth, the Western Area co-ordinator, will be the coach of the Lithgow High School team.

Other schoolteachers on the job are John Sourry at St Johns Dubbo, Geoff Gray at Molong High and John Meaning at the James Sheehan High at Orange.



FUND-RAISING PROBLEMS

Auburn U13 Youth League manager Denis Wright is deep in thought after a hard weekend of Soccer and fund-raising. With coach Robert Wozniak, the parents and players, Dennis is setting out to raise the \$45,000 needed to take the squad to England for a month's tour in January 1984.

"RASKO" HELPS EARLWOOD

EARLWOOD Soccer club has a record for service that has helped it to become the biggest numerically in the Canterbury and District Soccer Football Association.

The work put into the club by past committees has been prodigious. For example, Bruce Sheehan was president for 12 years.

Looking to the present, Australian and Sydney Olympic midfielder Peter Raskopoulos is putting something back into the club that he represented as a youngster by training the under 12/1 team.

Earlwood Soccer club was formed back in 1929, so it is now in its 55th year.

This year it has 36 teams ranging from under 7 to seniors and with 550 active participants in the sport. It is probably supported by an equal number of interested spectators and parents each week.

In 1978, the club was able to build its own clubhouse at Earlwood Oval thanks to the good solid planning and foresight of previous committees.

The 1983 officials are president Larry Chatto, vice-president Rod Foran, treasurer John Schmeling and secretary Mike McCaul.

The ladies Auxiliary

satisfied everyone's taste and runs events such as bingo, sausage sizzles, cabarets, discos, fashion parades and beef and bottle nights.

The 72 managers and coaches receive every encouragement.

Several of them are looking after Canterbury district representative teams this year.

Alan Hackett and Gary Scotten are with the under 10s and Steve Kipnoff and Mike Panzerino are in charge of the U12s.

Earlwood currently hold the NSW U9 and U13 Champion of Champions titles — a magnificent record for one club.

The club cannot speak too highly of local Holden dealers, Nash Holden of Canterbury Rd, Lakemba.

This firm has supplied 460 shirts to outfit the players.

They have done so for the past six years as a genuine commitment to the youth of the district.

Earlwood Soccer club has won the C&D SFA club championship for a record 17 times since its inception and are on the trail again this year.

The club is very community minded. Two of



Peter Raskopoulos

the teams participated in the 1982 Festival of Earlwood.

It expects to develop more into a sports and recreation club Soccer as the main objective with other sports such as cricket and netball. There will be scope for girls as well as boys.

Table tennis is already played in the clubhouse every Saturday afternoon.

— Helen Saad

BENEDICT TOP MCS SCHOOL

For the first time since the inception of the Metropolitan Catholic Schools' Soccer competition, the honours went to Benedict College Auburn.

Their first grade team were undefeated premiers.

The team's achievement was the result of months of hard work and dedication.

Benedicts started the season by brushing aside Holy Cross Ryde 4-2 and then St Gregory's Campbelltown 10-0.

That set the scene for an epic battle with Patrician

Brothers, Fairfield, who had not lost a game in three years.

Trailing 0-2 and later 1-3, the Auburn side fought back to record a courageous 3-3 draw.

The pressure remained on Benedict College in the second round because of a disappointing 1-1 result against Parramatta.

They defeated Ryde 2-1 and Campbelltown 2-0 to set the stage for the Fairfield re-match.

Auburn went to a 1-0 lead through a controversial penalty but another goal in the dying minutes made the outcome certain.

The last game against Parramatta provided a close-fought battle, which Auburn won 1-0 after missing a penalty.

Team captain Mark Mesaglio was judged the 'Best and Fairest Player' and volatile striker Hector Vazquez took the 'Most Improved' award.

The players were thankful to coach Damian Lucantonio and manager Wayne Marshall for support.



Front Row: Mark Cotter, Isam Hasna, Mark Mesaglio (Capt), Ivan Nimac (V. Capt), John Missos, John Awakian.

Second Row: Mr Damian Lucantonio (coach), Jeffrey Etto, Ken Mogus, Phillip Meli, Joseph Yarchevski, John Chalouhi, Mr Wayne Marshall (Manager).

Back Row: Frank De Santis, Didier Rivet, Lino Lardieri, Andrew Smith.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR UNDER 21s

By Keith Gilmour

THERE is a dearth of under 21 amateur Soccer teams in Sydney which needs to be overcome.

This is the obvious conclusion from a survey of the position amongst the amateur associations in the Sydney Branch.

The matter was brought to attention by Lindfield Soccer Football Club official Robert Forrai.

He hoped to see a Northside combined under 21 competition formed to operate this season, but it did not eventuate.

Teams would have been drawn from clubs in the Manly-Warringah, Ku-ring-gai and Gladesville-Hornsby Associations.

What happens now is that players coming through from under 18 competitions are often lost to the game because they are not prepared to advance into the lower all-age divisions.

Play is often too rugged and certainly not skilful enough to meet the needs of a player just over 18 who wants to show his wares.

Some players and teams possess the ability to jump straight into higher all-age

or Premier League divisions, but this is not the situation with the bulk of the players.

Walter De Ste Croix, a Ku-ring-gai enthusiast of long standing, is right behind the under 21 movement.

He said: "Usually the gap between under 18 and all-age is too great."

"Many players will play right through and continue to improve their football if they have at least a year in under 21."

"I do know of one team in particular who moved straight from under 18 to a top senior competition and immediately they were probably the best footballing outfit in the district."

"However, the job is to provide for the majority of the players and an under 21 competition is vital for this purpose."

He also pointed out that he had particularly noted the German and FIFA coach Detmer Cramer stressing the need for under 21



Soccer when he was in Australia some years back.

In Sydney the unchallenged leaders in under 21 Soccer is the Sutherland Shire Association.

Association president Harrie Denning is in no doubt about the value of the grade.

He said: "For years we had no under 21s. Ten years ago about 20 teams developed, and then entries fell away again."

"They rose of their own accord to 32 teams. Suddenly we realised just how much it does for Soccer to have good competitions in this grade."

"The players enjoy their game more. Skill is encouraged and the under 21 First Division for example

The ball is about to hit the net and it looks as if everyone else is caught in the mesh as well. This junior representative match shot was taken by Anthony Mobbs. The teams are Ku-ring-gai (light shirts) and Manly-Warringah.



produces some great football."

Sutherland also has more under 18 teams than any other association in the Sydney Branch.

It seems that they have learnt a valuable lesson that many others have missed.

Soccer is all about skill. Conducting of these competitions is a certain way to develop it.

Association	Under 17	Under 18/19	Under 21
Bankstown	—	9	9
Blacktown	6	5	4
Canterbury	—	—	—
Gladesville	14	—	8
Granville	9	10	20
Ilwarrara	16	—	—
Ku-ring-gai	—	16	—
Manly-Warringah	—	14	—
Napier	7	—	3
St George	9	8	6
South & East	—	—	32
Sutherland	—	27	—
Southern Dists.	20	—	—

*Players go to ISFA competitions after this grade

It is useless in terms of end results to mass produce so many kiddies and then see much of the effort wasted at the time when they should be advancing to their best footballing years.

We believe that the matter is so important that it should be raised at Sydney Branch so that a development plan can be instituted

in advance for 1984.

Based on the latest available statistics (1982) here is

a breakdown of teams in under 17, 18/19 and under 21 grades in Sydney. It

points to the need for more under 18 team promotion as well as under 21.



A MIXED BAG

How many teams could smile like this after having just been beaten in their first competition game of the 1983 season?

Meet Apia's under 14 second division team members, V. Napoli, P. Cicinelli, T. Maskoianni, B. Senol, D. Foti, J. Melia, S. Grech, R. Moniaci, G. Gomez, S. Attanasio and D. Bucciarelli.

Apia scored two goals, but weren't able to keep Strathfield from scoring three goals. The following weekend Apia took on Earlwood who hadn't lost a game, and beat them 2-1.

Congratulations boys. Keep up the hard training and team work, and you could make a place for yourselves in the Canterbury District semi-finals.

— Helen Saad

NEW ENGLAND TOUR THE OLD DART

by Mike Pavey

THE New England under 16 invitation squad of 16 boys, two coaches and manager depart from Sydney today (May 3) for England.

The boys come from Armidale, Tamworth, Inverell, Uralla, Walcha and Boggabri and as one could well imagine, they are all looking forward to the three-weeks tour.

Their first two matches are played in London against Blackheath on May 7 and Charlton the following day.

The squad then travels to Canterbury to play St. Edmund's School, then on to Bristol and Exeter, and back to London to see the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley Stadium on May 21.

In all, there have been

10 games arranged for them. When they are not playing their respective hosts will be organising sight-seeing trips for the tour party.

The boys with their coaches and manager leave London on May 25 for the return flight to Australia.

The team has been in training since January, with trial matches each weekend against sides in the New England area. They should not be short of match fitness.

To cover the financial expenditure for the tour, various fund-raising ac-

tivities were arranged such as raffles, games nights, dinner dances, bowls days and a run-a-thon.

A 48-page tour booklet is being produced and advertising has been sold to boost finances.

One thousand copies will be printed, 500 of which will be distributed throughout the New England area and the remaining 500 will be taken with the boys to England to distribute to opposing players and officials.

By the time of departure some \$14,000 will have been raised



In these two shots Michael Shushall (light shirt) executes a successful sliding tackle and then tries to beat his man, who in both cases is Brian Schier.



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ROUND 1 APRIL 2-5

GROUP A

	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Ku-ring-gai v Manly	1-1	1-2	2-0	2-0
Central Coast v Auburn	0-1	1-2	0-2	1-1
Blacktown Assn v St George	0-1	0-6	1-3	1-7
Granville v Canterbury	4-2	0-1	1-0	Cant.
Melita, bye				

GROUP B

	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Southern Dists v Croatia	0-0	5-0	2-0	3-2
Polonia v Illawarra	1-3	1-2	1-2	0-9
Nth Bankstown v Sutherland	0-3	2-5	2-5	0-3
Gladesville v Sydney City	1-1	3-0	1-0	4-0
APIA, bye				

GROUP C

	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Blacktown City v Nepean	1-1	0-2	4-1	1-2
Canterbury-Marr. v Marconi	2-2	2-1	2-3	0-3
Baulkham Hills v Sydney City	2-18	1-1	2-9	1-5
Avala v Macarthur	Av.	0-1	4-0	3-1
Bankstown, bye				

ROUND 2 APRIL 30

GROUP A

	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
St George v Granville	5-3	2-1	2-1	St.G
Auburn v Ku-ring-gai		POSTPONED		
Manly v Blacktown Assn		POSTPONED		
Canterbury v Melita		POSTPONED		
Central Coast, bye				

GROUP B

	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Illawarra v Southern Dists	7-0	1-3	3-1	1-0
Croatia v North Bankstown		POSTPONED		
Sutherland v Gladesville		POSTPONED		
Sydney City v APIA		POSTPONED		
Polonia, bye				

GROUP C

	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Canterbury-Marr v Nepean	1-1	2-2	3-3	1-0
Bankstown v Blacktown City		POSTPONED		
Marconi v Baulkham Hills		POSTPONED		
Sydney Olympic v Avala		POSTPONED		
Macarthur, bye				
Macarthur v Marconi	Mar.	1-7	0-6	0-8

POINTS

as at end of Round 1.

U13:

GROUP A: St George 13, Central Coast 12, Auburn 11, Ku-ring-gai 8, Blacktown Assn 8, Manly 7, Melita 6, Granville 5, Canterbury 1.

GROUP B: Illawarra 15, Gladesville 11, Sutherland 10, Polonia 10, Southern Dists 8, Croatia 8, APIA 6, Nth Bankstown 5, Sydney City 1.

GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 14, Nepean 11, Bankstown 11, Blacktown City 8, Avala 8, Marconi 6, Canterbury-Marr 6, Baulkham Hills 4.

U14:

GROUP A: St George 12, Manly 11, Canterbury 11, Granville 9, Auburn 9, Central Coast 7, Ku-ring-gai 6, Melita 4, Blacktown Assn 3.

GROUP B: Southern Dists 16, Sutherland 12, APIA 12, Illawarra 9, Polonia 9, Gladesville 7, Sydney City 4, Croatia 3, Nth Bankstown 2.

GROUP C: Nepean 12, Canterbury-Marr 10, Sydney Olympic 10, Marconi 9, Bankstown 9, Baulkham Hills 7, Macarthur 5, Blacktown City 5, Avala 3.

U15:

GROUP A: Granville 13, Auburn 12, St George 11, Ku-ring-gai 9, Central Coast 7, Canterbury 6, Melita 5, Blacktown Assn 5, Manly 3.

GROUP B: Illawarra 13, APIA 13, Sutherland 12, Polonia 12, Southern Dists 7, Gladesville 6, Croatia 4, Sydney City 4, North Bankstown 3.

GROUP C: Marconi 13, Sydney Olympic 12, Avala 11, Nepean 7, Blacktown City 7, Baulkham Hills 7, Canterbury-Marr 5, Bankstown 4, Macarthur 4.

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U15:

GROUP A: St George 13, Canterbury 11, Ku-ring-gai 10, Central Coast 9, Auburn 9, Blacktown Assn 6, Manly 5, Melita 5.

GROUP B: APIA 14, Illawarra 12, Southern Dists 11, Sutherland 10, Gladesville 9, Sydney City 7, Polonia 4, Nth Bankstown 4, Croatia 3.

GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 13, Avala 11, Canterbury-Marr 10, Marconi 9, Nepean 8, Bankstown 6, Baulkham Hills 5, Blacktown City 3, Macarthur 2.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U/10	U/11	U/12
Sutherland v Central Coast		0-1	3-1
Blacktown v Canterbury	0-6	2-0	1-5
Nepean v Southern & Eastern	2-0	0-1	1-0
Gladesville v Ku-ring-gai		POSTPONED	
Illawarra v Manly		POSTPONED	
Southern Dists v St George		POSTPONED	
Bankstown v Granville		POSTPONED	

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP

Results of matches played at Macquarie Field,
Speers Point: Whitebridge 3, Toronto 1, Belmont 2,
Waratah 1, Maitland 4, Newcastle.

SNAP SHOTS!



Castle Hill Sports Club goalkeeper D. White keeps his goal intact in this action shot in the 1982 State Cup final. The Hillmen finally won 2-1 after managing to hold off the pressure of North Epping Rangers, who had most of the play.



A save in the Chullora Old Buffers Cup competition for over 35 players. The club used the competition as a fund-raiser for their 28 team organisation.



Spot the ball! It sneaked into the bottom left hand corner with Earlwood's No 9 watching the result of his shot. The occasion was the 1982 under 14 State Cup final in which Earlwood Wanderers came home 2-1 again Southern Tablelands.



S. Elder, the Southern Tablelands goalkeeper, couldn't reach this Earlwood shot at Seymour Shaw Park. The occasion was the 1982 State Cup under 14 final in which Earlwood Wanderers from Canterbury Association defeated Southern Tablelands from Goulburn district 2-1.



ASF executive director Brian Emery (left), Australian Director of Coaching Eric Worthington (second from right) with McDonald's executives. More importantly, a group of youngsters who practiced to gain the skills under the Super Skills scheme to improve their Soccer.

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suitable for schoolteachers and junior coaches as well.

The NSW Amateur president Ian Holmes is at present bringing the scheme into as many NSW associations as possible.

It is well worth trying out now.

THIRD TREDINNICK ON THE SCENE

ANOTHER Tredinnick has made a name in Newcastle Soccer. This time it is Amy Tredinnick, sister of Leichhardt's Peter and Newcastle's Howard.

Amy already has had interstate experience in Soccer and is a member of the much-fancied Booragul High School girls' team which is competing in the Rudy Roth Cup.

Booragul has long been established as a top Commonwealth Bank (formerly Tasman) Soccer Cup school and now the girls could also do themselves proud.

Soccer and softball representative Jane Walmsley is rated one of the best defenders in Northern NSW at any level.

Brilliant forward Linda Hughes is already in great form. Goalkeeper Kristine Piggford is a top prospect who reads the play very well.

Sharon Neal is one of those people who plays a multitude of sports well and her Soccer is no exception. Her role in the link position is vital.

Gateshead High won the Rudy Roth Trophy and the Ku-Ring-Gai Cup in 1982 and they are firm favourites to be one of the finalist teams this year.

Merewether and Cardiff are also strong contenders.

Started six years ago, the Rudy Roth Trophy was presented for competition by Mr Roth, who was a representative goalkeeper of great merit and later a top referee. He is now well known as a Newcastle businessman.

Gateshead were the first winners in 1978, followed by Waratah, Jesmond, Merewether and last year Gateshead again.

Northern officials were proud of the fact that the Cup included schools from the private sector. Following much discussion after the formation of the Ku-Ring-Gai Cup in Sydney for State schools it was eventually agreed that both

Cups would only include State schools to enable Sydney-Newcastle competition to be played.

Since 1982, Denise Collins of Gateshead High has taken over as convenor and she is doing a great job for the sport.

Lia bility?

IT'S not possible, of course, to define every eventuality and state unequivocally the liability.

However, the following two examples should serve as pointers as to the manner in which the court would decide on the liability of the club or the association and the sponsor.

Both cases involve a theoretical football match.

In the first example, a player strikes a member of the opposing team on the instructions of his coach with the express desire to have him removed from the field or intimidated.

Who is liable? If the offending player is found guilty of deliberate assault then the question is asked whether the player is an employee and/or agent of the club, and as a participant in the match may also be considered an agent of the association and the sponsor.

In the case mentioned, the club would be liable just as if it had committed the assault itself.

However, the association and the sponsor did not direct the assault and could not be held liable.

Had the blow been struck negligently during the course of the match then they would have been liable as the offending player was their agent.

W GERMANY	
Bochum - Cologne	0-0
L'kussen - Schalke	3-0
Ein Frankfurt - K' Lautern	2-2
D' dorf - W Bremen	2-5
Hamburg - Stuttgart	2-0
B'swick - M'bach	0-0
Bayern Mun - Berlin	4-0
B'feld - Dortmund	1-0
K'ruher - Nuremberg	2-1

E GERMANY	
Wismut Aue - Uj Berlin	1-3
Chem Hoi - Chem Boe	0-0
M'burg - K-M Stadt	2-0
R-W Erfurt - V'waerts F/O	3-2
Dy Dresden - C. Z. Jena	3-2
Lok Leipzig - S'ring Zwick	3-2
Un Berlin - H Rostock	0-0

AUSTRIA	
Laak - St Graz	0-0
Gak - Wiener SC	0-0
Rapid - Aus S'burg	5-2
E'stadt - Aus Wien	0-1
Simmering - K'furt	0-1
Un Wels - Vo Linz	1-1
Innsbruck - Neusiedl	3-0
Vienna - Ad Wacker	1-0

GREECE	
Yannina - O'kos	1-1
AEK - Paok	1-3
Apollon - Aris	1-1
P'nice - P'raikos	0-0
Larisa - Rodos	2-0
P'kos - Kastoria	3-0
Iraklis - Ofi	4-1
P'chaiki - Doxa	3-2
Ethnikos - M'nikos	3-0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
O'piakos	16	9	2	41	17	41
Aris	14	8	5	30	15	38
AEK	15	5	7	43	28	35
Larisa	13	9	5	41	23	35

SWITZERLAND	
Aarau - Young Boys	2-0
B'zona - Wettingen	1-0
G'hopper - Lausanne	3-0
Neuchatel - Sion	1-2
S Gallen - Lucerne	4-1
Servette - Bulle	2-0
Vevay - Zurich	0-1
W'thur - Basle	1-1

ROMANIA	
Arg Pit - T'vista	2-0
Olt - S B'rest	2-1
Pol Iasi - Tirgu Mures	0-1
Di B'rest - Jiul Pet	1-0
Bacau - Cor Hun	0-0
Brasov - S Student	1-1
Or Bihor - Pol T'soara	1-1
Constanta - C R Vitea	0-1
Pet Ploiesti - Univ Craiova	0-1

Dinamo Bucharest lead with 38 points from 27 matches from Sport Studentesc with 38.

BELGIUM	
B'shot - Rwd M'beek	1-1
Tongres - CS Bruges	0-0
FC Bruges - FC Liege	3-1
A'lecht - Antwerp	2-1
Seraing - Beveren	3-1
W'schel - Kortrijk	3-1
Lokeren - Lierse	1-2
Waregem - Ghent	1-2
St Liege - W'slag	3-0

ITALY	
Ascoli - Torino	2-0
Cesena - Verona	2-2
Juventus - Inter	3-3
Napoli - F'ina	1-0
Pisa - Genoa	0-0
Roma - A'ino	2-0
S'doria - Cagliari	1-1
Udinese - C'zaro	2-0

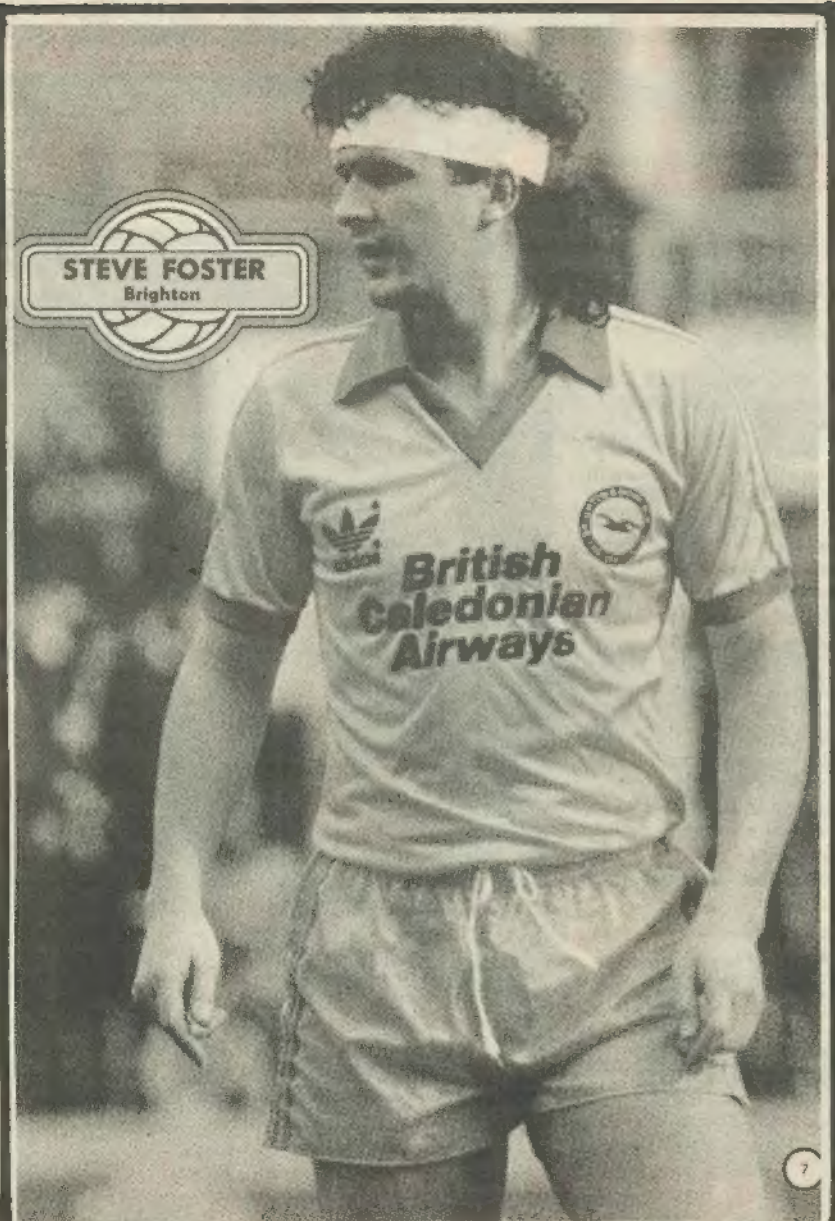
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	15	10	3	43	22	40
Juventus	13	10	5	46	24	38
Inter	10	14	4	38	24	34
Verona	11	11	6	35	29	33
F'ina	11	9	8	33	24	31
Torino	9	12	7	29	23	30

HOLLAND	
Go Ahead - Helmond Sp	3-0
Nac Breda - Willem	2-2
PSV - PEC Zwol	0-1
Nijmegen - Twente	0-0
Heerlem - Utrecht	4-2
G'Ningen - Sittard	3-1
Ajax A - F'noord	3-3
Ex R'dam - AZ '67	1-4
Sp R'dam - Roda JC	2-2

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
A Amsterdam	24	6	2	98	35	54
F'noord	20	10	2	66	33	50
PSV	19	9	4	77	53	47
Groningen	10	15	7	60	48	35
Heerlem	13	8	11	46	34	34

SPAIN	
L Palmas - Bilbao	1-5
Osasuna - B'iona	1-0
Valencia - R Madrid	1-0
V'dolid - Celta	3-1
Sevilla - Betis	2-0
Zaragoza S'manca	3-1
At Madrid - Racing	3-1
Espanol - Sporting	3-2
Sociedad - Malaga	2-0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bilbao	22	6	6	71	36	50
R Madrid	20	9	5	57	25	49
At Madrid	20	6	8	56	38	46
Barcelona	17	10	7	60	29	44
Sevilla	15	12	7	44	31	42
Zaragoza	17	6	11	58	39	40



Steve Foster, Brighton's tough centre-half, could miss the F.A. Cup Final against Manchester United on May 21. Foster was cautioned in Saturday's match against Notts County and he has now passed the 30 disciplinary points mark... which should bring automatic suspension.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

GROUP ONE

BRUSSELS: Belgium beat Germany 2-1 (halftime 2-1). Scorers: Belgium — Ceulemans, Coeck. East Germany — Streich.

Belgium	4	4	0	0	10	4	3
Scotland	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Switzerland	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
E. Germany	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

GROUP TWO

MOSCOW: Soviet Union beat Portugal 5-0. Scorers: Soviet Union — Cherenkov (16 and 63), Rodinov (40), Demyanenko (53, Larionov (86).

Soviet Union	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Portugal	3	2	0	1	4	6	4
Poland	3	2	1	1	5	5	3
Finland	4	1	1	3	3	8	1

GROUP THREE

COPENHAGEN: Denmark beat Greece 1-0 (halftime 0-0). Scorer: Soeren Busk (77).

LONDON: England beat Hungary 2-0 (halftime 1-0). Scorers: Francis, Withe.

England	5	3	2	0	15	2	3
Denmark	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Hungary	3	2	0	1	12	6	4
Greece	4	1	1	2	2	4	3
Luxembourg	5	0	0	5	5	15	0

GROUP FOUR

WREXHAM: Wales beat Bulgaria 1-0 (halftime 0-0). Scorer — Jeremy Charles.

vs Wales
Norway
Yugoslavia
Bulgaria

GROUP SIX

BELFAST: Northern Ireland beat Albania 1-0 (halftime 0-0). Scorer: Stewart.

VIENNA: Austria and West Germany drew 0-0.

Austria	4	3	1	0	11	0	7
N. Ireland	5	3	1	1	4	3	7
W. Germany	4	2	1	1	5	2	6
Turkey	4	1	0	3	2	9	2
Albania	5	0	1	4	1	9	1

GROUP SEVEN

ZARAGOZA: Spain beat Ireland 2-0 (halftime 0-0). Scorers: Carlos Santillana (51), Hipolito Rincon (69).

Spain	4	3	1	0	7	3	7
Netherlands	4	2	1	1	9	3	5
Ireland	5	2	1	2	7	7	5
Malta	3	1	0	2	2	8	2
Iceland	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

UNITED STATES RESULTS

The first round of the 1983 NASL season, produced the following results:

Tampa Bay Rowdies 4 Tulsa Roughnecks 3
Seattle Sounders 0 Team America 1
Toronto Blizzard 2 New York Cosmos 1
Vancouver Whitecaps 3 Fort Lauderdale Strikers 0.

Compiled by
John Economos

FRENCH CLUB STRUGGLES FINANCIALLY

Lyon City council, has decided to give first division Olympic Lyonnais a special grant of 2 million francs, to allow the club to remain solvent until the end of the season.

Council officials said the club had struggled to pay its bills in recent weeks, would have to come up with a recovery programme by the end of May.

Lyon, which has managed only eight victories so far this season, is at the bottom of the table and is a prime candidate for relegation to second division.

GENOA V INTER MILAN INVESTIGATION

The Italian Football Federation have concluded their investigation into last month's Genoa V Inter Milan first division match, following allegations that the game had been "fixed".

The matter now has been handed across to the disciplinary committee who will decide what action, if any, to take.

The match ended 3-2 in favour of Inter Milan.

Immediately after the match, a Genoa director and a Genoa player, alleged that Inter Milan had failed to stick to a pre-arranged agreement for the match to end in a draw.

Sources informed the press that players and several officials now faced suspensions and the respective clubs could be fined three to five league points.



OVER SEAS



One of the world's greatest footballers, Roberto Falcao of Brazil, in action for AS Romas against Inter Milan. Falcao's brilliance is playing a large part in Roma's bid for the Italian championship.

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UK SOCCER SCENE

JIMMY HILL TO QUIT COVENTRY

Jimmy Hill is ready to quit as Coventry City chairman after three years in the job.

Coventry, more than \$1,000,000 in the red, badly need an infusion of capital. Chairman Hill says he is ready to step down if somebody wants to plough around \$400,000 into the club.

"This is the worst financial moment in Coventry's history," lamented the unhappy Hill. "We have done everything possible to economise but still cannot break even."

This season, Coventry

have averaged 10,000 at home matches but, even with their strict economies, they need an average 11,500 just to pay the bills.

Coventry gave their Highfield Road stadium a face-lift, costing \$700,000, reducing capacity by half and turning it into an all-seater ground. This hasn't eased the cash pressures.

As Jimmy Hill says: "People are staying away because they are not excited by what they see. There is something fundamentally wrong with the product."

BIRMINGHAM BOSSES IN BATTLE

Birmingham City manager Ron Saunders suggested that the club's financial difficulties were caused by his predecessor Jim Smith — now managing Oxford.

Saunders said: "Our basic problem is that we were overloaded with overpaid players."

Big names like Colin Todd, Archie Gemmill, Frank Worthington and Alan Curishley — all signed by Smith — have been transferred by Saunders, who cleared out 24 players in 14 months.

Vice-chairman Jack Wiseman reckons Saunders has slashed \$300,000 off a wages bill of \$1,700,000.

But if Birmingham's directors had not put \$220,000 into the kitty this year, the club would have folded.

Jim Smith denies responsibility for the cash crisis, claiming: "I bought quality players and showed a small profit on transfer deals. Why should Saunders make this attack? It looks like a smoke screen."

CUP FINAL SO VITAL — CASE

At last, a Brighton player has admitted that he'd rather win the F.A. Cup than stay in the first division. Jimmy Case said: "A few weeks ago, the only thing that counted was for Brighton to avoid relegation. Now, however, I realise how much it means to win at Wembley. I'd accept playing in the second division if we won the Cup Final. The only medal I haven't got is a cup-winners medal!"

While Brighton fear relegation, many of their fans, like Jimmy Case, would put up with it — if the Cup is on the sideboard as compensation.

Former England World Cup centre-forward Gerry Hitchens (48) collapsed and died during a match in North Wales.

Hitchens was one of the first English players to move to Italy and pick up big money when he moved to Inter Milan in 1957. He represented England in the 1962 Chile World Cup.

Hitchens played for Cardiff City and Aston Villa in England.

GATTING — THE NAME FOR ALL SEASONS

Mike Gatting, the new skipper of Middlesex County Cricket club, is envious of his brother, Steve.

On May 21, Steve Gatting will experience the sporting thrill of a lifetime when he lines up for Brighton against Manchester United in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

But Steve also envies Mike for his cricketing success. He said: "You feel very close to a brother when you see him walking out to bat at Lord's. Nobody was happier than me when Mike was first selected to play for England at cricket."

Mike Gatting weighed in with: "I suppose we would both have liked to play cricket for England AND play in a Cup Final at Wembley — but with the cricket and

football seasons now overlapping, that seems impossible."

Both brothers are exceptionally good at both games. But when they had to make the big decision between the sports, Steve chose to join Arsenal for a football career and Mike elected to sign for Middlesex as a cricketer.

The Gatting story suggests that the days of dual internationals (football and cricket) may never happen again. That's a pity, remembering the careers of such all-rounders as Dennis Compton, Arthur Milton and Willie Watson... who turned out for England at both sports.



The Gatting brothers — genuine all-rounders in sport. Above right Mike Gatting, dressed to bat at Lord's. Above, brother Steve who will be in Brighton's back four in the Cup Final at Wembley.

ENDING BAN ON NAMES

It now seems likely that the old-fashioned ban on shirt advertising will be scrapped in English Soccer.

Clubs have complained bitterly about not being permitted to display sponsors' names on their playing gear. Those complaints have finally penetrated to the decision-makers.

If the ban is lifted, it will make a huge difference to sponsorship money flowing into Soccer.

Top clubs like Liverpool, Spurs, Manchester United and Aston Villa would be able to ask for sponsorship of up to \$2,000,000.

Some evidence of the huge playing depth at Old Trafford was supplied when Manchester United had to summon up emergency reserves for the F.A. Cup semi-final against Arsenal.

With Steve Coppell out and also Arnold Muhren — both injured — United brought in Remi Moses in place of Coppell and Ashley Grimes to replace Muhren.

In the match, won 2-1 by United, nobody looked better than Moses and Grimes, indeed it was Grimes who masterminded the winning goal with a burst down the left wing to split the Arsenal defence.

Grimes had played in Manchester United's third team a week before!

Alf Grey from Great Yarmouth will referee the Cup Final between Brighton and Manchester United on May 21 at.

It will be Mr Grey's last



match as a referee. He will reach compulsory retirement age of 47 before the start of next season.

A cold store superintendent, he expects to stay cool at Wembley.

HARSH WORDS AT LUTON

Luton midfielder Li Fucillo has left the club to play for Tulsa in the USA — and he's very angry about the treatment he received from Luton.

He said: "When I agreed to this transfer, I did not even get a farewell handshake from the manager. He also withheld money due to me under a sponsorship scheme. How can he justify that? I joined Luton straight from school, broke two legs from them and always gave 100 per cent."

Manager David Pleat replied: "It's a load of nonsense — I don't even want to talk about it. I have far more important things to worry about."



Bob Wilson, former Arsenal and Scotland goalkeeper, has high hopes for his son, 14-year-old Robert and is coaching him every day at his north London goalkeeping school. Young Robert, of course, plays in goal.

THOUGHTS OF BOB!

Liverpool boss Bobby Paisley on hooligans at football matches:—"If Soccer didn't exist, they would find somewhere else to cause trouble. They are the products of a society in which discipline and respect for authority have been superseded by selfishness and rebellion. They have got to be weeded out and destroyed before they kill from within."

BRAZILIAN MAGIC

Brazil will play Wales at Ninian Park, Cardiff on Sunday June 12. Yes, that's right, the game is being staged on a Sunday — the first time an international has ever been played on a Sunday in Britain.

This will be Brazil's first visit to Wales and the fixture is expected to help the Welsh F.A. overcome serious financial difficulties.

The Welsh ruling body is about \$80,000 in the red, so it is essential that Ninian Park should be filled for the Brazilian game.

It is costing the Welsh F.A. \$80,000 to get Brazil, who will have a party of 33

people in Cardiff. The match attendance will have to reach 25,000 just to break even.

F.A. secretary Alun Evans said: "This match could set us up financially for the next couple of years and we are confident the fans will respond."

It was hoped to play at the larger Arms Park — home of the Rugby Union — but that ground will be closed for repairs.

UK soccer tables

ENGLISH DIV 1															
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	39	16	3	1	54	15	81	Wimbledon	42	15	4	2	48	23	68
Watford	39	16	2	1	47	19	57	Hull	42	14	7	1	36	12	58
Man Utd	37	12	7	0	34	9	56	Port Vale	42	15	4	2	36	13	84
Aston Villa	36	16	2	2	45	14	64	Bury	42	15	4	3	42	17	80
Nottingham	36	11	4	4	31	16	42	Colchester	42	16	5	1	50	19	75
Tottenham	36	13	4	2	44	14	60	Southampton	42	12	6	3	37	15	72
Everton	36	12	5	2	41	18	57	Norwich	43	13	1	4	15	35	72
Southampton	36	11	4	3	35	19	56	Sheff Wed	43	12	3	6	37	26	58
Sheff Wed	36	11	4	3	34	18	56	Swindon	43	13	3	5	42	22	58
Stoke	39	13	4	3	34	18	56	Torquay	43	12	3	6	37	26	58
West Ham	38	12	3	4	38	20	55	Marine	43	10	6	6	28	25	57
Ipswich	39	10	3	6	25	20	45	Blackpool	42	11	6	4	32	20	57
Arsenal	36	10	6	2	33	18	52	Stockport	44	10	1	8	34	29	54
W.B.A.	39	9	5	5	33	20	50	Chesham	43	8	6	8	27	22	53
Newcastle	39	9	6	5	32	17	50	Hull City	43	7	6	6	29	22	53
Nottingham	40	11	4	5	34	23	49	Blackburn	43	10	8	4	31	21	55
Coventry	40	10	5	5	37	23	49	Reading	43	11	8	3	37	22	58
Luton	38	7	6	6	33	28	45	Northampton	44	10	8	5	43	29	57
Sunderland	39	7	8	4	27	19	45	Darlington	42	7	5	9	22	24	47
Man City	40	9	5	6	26	22	44	Tranmere	43	8	6	7	29	28	48
Birmingham	39	8	6	5	26	23	43	Adenhead	43	9	5	7	32	33	45
Brighton	39	8	7	5	25	21	43	Hartlepool	43	10	5	6	26	20	42
Sheff Wed	39	9	4	6	30	25	38	Crewe	44	9	5	8	35	31	41
								Hemel	43	8	6	8	19	22	41
ENGLISH DIV 2															
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Q.P.R.	38	14	3	2	48	18	78	Walsley	37	16	1	2	33	10	52
Walsley	39	14	4	2	40	14	73	Fulham	37	12	4	3	34	20	50
Lincoln	39	12	5	3	34	20	73	Leeds	37	12	4	3	34	20	50
Newcastle	39	12	6	1	31	20	80	Sheff Wed	37	9	6	3	31	22	47
Sheff Wed	39	8	8	4	31	22	76	Andrie	37	7	3	8	27	26	47
Oldham	40	8	10	2	37	22	56	Alloa	37	8	6	5	30	20	36
Sheff Wed	39	8	8	4	31	22	76	Falkirk	37	8	2	8	19	20	45
Leeds Utd	39	7	9	3	34	18	57	Dundee	37	6	7	5	26	28	34
Barnsley	39	9	7	3	37	23	59	Raith	37	8	2	8	30	27	33
Blackburn	39	9	7	3	35	21	51	Clyde	37	7	2	10	29	36	
Cambridge	39	11	7	2	25	13	47	Hamilton	37	6	6	7	23	31	32
Cardiff	39	10	4	5	43	25	46	For	37	8	4	7	25	24	30
Darby Only	39	6	10	4	24	24	34	Dunfermline	37	5	8	6	17	28	30
Alloa	39	7	7	5	25	28	44	Queens Park	37	3	6	9	23	36	22
Glenhury	39	9	6	5	31	25	44								
Bolton	39	10	1	8	30	25	43								
Charlton	39	10	2	7	33	27	43								
Crystal Pal	38	9	7	3	26	16	42								
Chelms	39	8	6	5	30	21	42								
Rotherham	40	8	7	8	19	28	41								
Burnley	37	9	3	7	35	22	36								
SCOTTISH DIV 1															
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Johnstone	37	16	1	2	33	10	52	Dundee Utd	34	12	4	1	33	18	52
Hearts	37	12	4	3	34	20	50	Celtic	34	11	3	3	42	18	51
Clydebank	37	8	1	5	31	25	45	Rangers	33	12	0	4	36	12	50
Falkirk	37	9	6	3	31	22	50	St Mirren	33	9	6	2	30	12	50
Arbroath	37	7	3	8	27	26	47	Hibernian	33	7	5	2	28	17	29
Angus	37	8	5	5	30	20	46	Dundee	33	7	3	6	26	25	27
Falkirk	37	8	2	8	19	20	45	Mathewhall	34	9	3	6	28	27	36
Dumfries	37	6	7	5	26	28	34	Morton	34	4	4	9	14	40	
Raith	37	8	2	10	29	36	47	Kilmarnock	34	3	6	8	16	30	
Clyde	37	6	7	23	31	31	32								
Ayr	37	8	4	7	25	24	30								
Dunfermline	37	5	8	6	17	28	30								
Queens Park	37	3	6	9	23	36	22								
SCOTTISH PREM DIV															
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Dundee Utd	34	12	4	1	33	18	52	Dundee Utd	34	12	4	1	33	18	52
Celtic	34	11	3	3	42	18	51	Celtic	34	11	3	3	42	18	51
Aberdeen	33	12	0	4	36	12	50	Rangers	33	12	0	4	36	12	50
Rangers	33	9	6	2	30	12	50	St Mirren	33	9	6	2	30	12	50
St Mirren	33	7	2	7	28	17	29	Hibernian	33	7	5	2	28	17	29
Hibernian	33	3	10	3	20	15	4	Dundee	33	7	3	6	26	25	27
Dundee	33	7	3	6	26	25	27	Mathewhall	34	9	3	6	28	27	36
Mathewhall	34	9	3	6	28	27	36	Morton	34	4	4	9	14	40	
For	33	7	14	1	31	14	40	Kilmarnock	34	3	6	8	16	30	
Kilmarnock	34	3	6	8	16	30									
SCOTTISH DIV 2															
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brechin	37	13	4	2	37	15	62	Brechin	37	13	4	2	37	15	62
Hamilton	37	12	2	4	37	20	59	Hamilton	37	12	2	4	37	20	59
Forfar	37	13	4	2	40	21	61	Forfar	37	13	4	2	40	21	61
Arbroath	37	8	8	2	30	15	5	Arbroath	37	8	8	2	30	15	5
Shaw's A	37	11	2	2	32	16	54	Shaw's A	37	11	2	2	32	16	54
Leathfife	37	9	5	3	31	22	52	Leathfife	37	9	5	3	31	22	52
Green G'D Str	37	7	6	4	43	30	5	Green G'D Str	37	7	6	4	43	30	5
Greenburgh	37	10	4	3	35	24	50	Greenburgh	37	10	4	3	35	24	50
Boness	37	6	7	6	25	30	49	Boness	37	6	7	6	25	30	49
Leathfife	37	8	7	2	37	14	62	Leathfife	37	8	7	2	37	14	62
Strathmuir	37	4	7	6	22	33	47	Strathmuir	37	4	7	6	22	33	47
Strathmuir	37	6	3	9	21	31	47	Strathmuir	37	6	3	9	21	31	47
C. Strirling	37	4	3	12	19	37	3	C. Strirling	37	4	3	12	19	37	3
Wishaw	37	5	1	11	16	30	2	Wishaw	37	5	1	11	16	30	2